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Chancellor doubts American leaders' will to cut budget deficit

Lawson steps up pressure on Reagan

● The Chancellor of the Exchequer last night questioned the quality of political leadership in the United States as he again urged action to cut the huge American trade deficit

● Interest rates were reduced by half a point to 9 per cent, the second cut within a fortnight

● The biggest building societies responded immediately by bringing down the cost of home loans

● Share prices recovered some of their earlier losses after the cut in base rate and were further encouraged by a more buoyant tone on Wall Street, but the FTSE100 index still closed 45.8 down

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, last night intensified his warning to President Reagan that he must act rapidly on the United States budget deficit.

In language of almost unprecedented severity between allies, he embellished his doubts about the quality of political leadership across the Atlantic.

The Chancellor urged British businessmen, however, not to adopt a safety-first mentality, saying that now was the time to invest for growth. He promised worldwide co-operation if the Americans did start putting their house in order.

In his Mansion House speech at the Lord Mayor's banquet, Mr Lawson said that he was one of those who had been warning for years about the dangers to the world economy of the massive imbalances afflicting the three major economies — the United States trade and budget deficits, and the excessive current account surpluses in Germany and Japan.

Saying that there were reasons in financial market terms, in economic fundamentals and in political terms for the inevitable end to the largest bull market ever known, Mr Lawson hammered home again and again the "political doubts" about the United States.

There were doubts, he said, whether the Americans had the political will to reduce the budget deficit. There were doubts whether they had the political will to hold interest rates at whatever level was necessary not just to stabilise the dollar but to ensure sound financing of the deficit as long as it endured.

Ironically, said Mr Lawson, the apparent unwillingness of the United States to raise interest rates because of an exaggerated fear that this might tip the United States economy into recession had resulted in the collapse on Wall Street, whose recessionary threat was very much greater.

Mr Lawson insisted: "The need for the United States budget deficit to continue to fall significantly remains crucial". He demanded that it should go beyond the $23 billion cut required by the Gramm-Rudman Act and that it should contain "at least some increase in some form of taxation as part of that package".

This was necessary not just for economic reasons but because "this has now become the touchstone of whether the United States has the political will to make hard choices and to do what needs to be done. It will be a key element in rebuilding market confidence".

Mr Lawson forecast that if the United States administration and Congress reached an agreement, the other major nations would agree to making it part of a wider international accord "involving among other things a reduction in interest rates".

Mr Lawson concluded his bleak catalogue of warnings to the Americans: "It is for the United States, where the heart of the problem lies, to give assurance of the necessary steps on the fiscal front before others can confidently make a major move on the monetary front".

The United States would have to commit itself with "deeds as well as words" to supporting in the market place whatever was agreed and "visibly equipping itself with the funds to do so". A free fall of the dollar would solve nothing.

In a rare passage, Mr Lawson did praise President Reagan for his refusal to follow a protectionist path.

On the domestic front, he insisted: "There is no cause whatever for businessmen to talk themselves into a negative, safety-first mentality" and he repeated his insistence in the autumn statement that the British economy was well equipped to cope with the reprecussions of the stock market fall.

Mr Lawson said that he had felt it right to reduce interest rates again yesterday to signal clearly that the authorities were sensitive to the dangers that some might understandably fear.

The Government had been unworried yesterday as stock markets ignored the upbeat message in Mr Lawson's autumn statement, plunging further despite a half per cent cut in interest rates. But there was disquiet among ministers at the reaction to the Government's plans to encourage price increases for electricity.

On share prices it was accepted that a far more potent factor was the continued dithering by the American administration in tackling the United States deficit.

Mr Lawson himself, as he frequently does after the pundits read tax-cutting potential into his autumn statements, attempted to cool the Tory euphoria over his prospects of achieving a reduction in the standard income tax rate to 25p next spring. He said on the BBC *Today* programme: "Whether it will be in next year's Budget or not is far too early to say".

Tory MPs, however, remained convinced that the Chancellor's figures showed that he could both achieve that target and bring down higher rates of tax, provided the economy is not too severely jolted by the stock market collapse.

Ministers were more worried by reactions to the proposed increases in electricity prices announced yesterday by Mr Cecil Parkinson, the Energy Secretary.

● A Marplan opinion poll published last night showed that only 34 per cent of the public approve of the privatization of electricity and 80 per cent do not want nuclear power stations to be sold into private hands.

● Mr Chris Smith, an Opposition Front Bench finance spokesman, said last night that the Chancellor's autumn statement would result in big increases in water rates as the water authorities were forced to make capital repayments rather than mend crumbling sewers and improve water quality.

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Mr Robin Leigh-Pemberton, Governor of the Bank of England, with Mr Lawson last night. (Photograph: Paul Lovelace)

Thatcher hard line for Europe

By Richard Ford
Political Correspondent

The Government will demand tighter budget control and the imposition of more quotas on agricultural products as the price of an increase in Britain's susbscription to the European Community.

Undaunted by the fury of other EEC heads of government at the last summit, the Prime Minister will again insist that the community improve its housekeeping.

Mrs Thatcher will tell her fellow heads of government at the summit in Copenhagen next month that Britain will not even consider, let alone agree to, any increase in funds without a commitment from member states to control the budget.

Cheaper mortgages follow rate cut

By Rodney Lord
Economics Editor

Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, yesterday moved to bring interest rates down another half point to 9 per cent, the second cut in a fortnight, as share prices tumbled further.

The two biggest building societies, the Halifax and the Abbey National, followed the cut in base rates by high street banks by announcing reductions in their own rates for home loans.

From November 9 the Halifax will be charging new borrowers 10.3 per cent compared with 11.25 per cent. Abbey National will follow suit from December 1 but has yet to announce its new rate.

Share prices, which had failed to respond positively to the Chancellor's Autumn Statement on Tuesday, picked up after news of the cut. The FTSE100 index closed 45.8 down at 1608.1 after being 87.8 down earlier in the day.

The newly issued part-paid shares in BP closed 1p higher at 77p to lift for the time being the threat of massive sales to the Bank of England at the support price of 70p. It had touched 74p earlier in the day.

Mr Lawson, in his annual speech at the Mansion House yesterday, explained the cut in rates by saying that some reduction was appropriate in the light of lower share prices

The need now was to avoid over-tightening the financial system in a repeat of what had turned the 1929 crash into the slump of the early 1930s.

He reaffirmed his commitment to fighting inflation and emphasized that any increase in the money supply brought about by support for the dollar would have to be offset.

Uncertainty about the will of the Reagan Administration to tackle economic problems continued yesterday to undermine the dollar, which closed in London 55 points lower against the mark at DM1.7165 and 20 points lower against the yen at Y137.20.

The pound closed 95 points up against the dollar at $1.7505, and 0.1 up at 75 on its effective exchange rate index.

IRA weapons ship was loaded by the Libyans

By John Cooney in Belfast

The arms cargo found on the freighter Eksund was loaded in Tripoli on the night of October 14 by Libyan soldiers, French authorities told Reuters yesterday.

British security had been alerted as early as February however, according to television reports last night which claimed that British authorities were warned inadvertently when the master of the Eksund, Mr Adrian Hopkins, wrote to the commercial section of the British embassy in Dublin seeking information about purchasing a British vessel.

Members of Mr Hopkins' family yesterday revealed a reply sent to him by the commercial attache on February 7 which included a list of ship brokers.

As reported in *The Times* yesterday, Mr Hopkins also arranged delivery of two other vessels this year. The authorities had no reason to believe that Mr Hopkins had any IRA connections or sympathies.

On the Eskund operation, he flew from Dublin to Amsterdam on September 15, then on to Luxemburg and to Heathrow.

He was back in Dublin on September 18. On October 4 he flew to Malta where he was joined by the other four Irishmen who were aboard the vessel when she was arrested.

The five men were yesterday formally charged in Paris under France's September 1986 anti-terrorism law with trafficking weapons for the purpose of disrupting public order by intimidation or terror. All but Mr Hopkins and Mr Henry Cairns, being charged under the names given in the passports they carried.

Paris — Under new legislation designed to protect those responsible for trying terrorism cases, the five suspects will not appear in open court between now and the verdict (Philip Jacobson writes).

The opening of formal proceedings marked the start of what is likely to prove a long-drawn-out legal affair. The investigating magistrate may conduct his inquiries at his own pace.

The third member of the crew, Mr Gabriel Cleary, who carried a passport in the name of William Finn, is described by Irish police as a senior logistic officer in the Provisional IRA.

He later admitted that he had been using a passport stolen from the Department of Foreign Affairs in Dublin in 1984.

Mr Cleary, who is in his mid-40s is from Co Dublin. He appeared before the special criminal court in Dublin in May 1977 charged with the manufacture of bombs in Athy, Co Kildare, but was acquitted.

He lived for some time in the seaside resort of Bray, in Co Wicklow, where it is understood he met Mr Cairns.

Irish police yesterday confirmed that the other two crew members, who carried stolen passports in the names of Dennis Boyle and Edward Friel, belong to the Republican movement.

They are Mr James Coll, an electrician in his late 30s from Fanad, Co Donegal and Mr James Doherty, from Letterkenny, Co Donegal.

Mr Eugene Crowley, the assistant commissionaire in charge of security has travelled to Paris to assist the French authorities with background on the five men.

The nature of the border war against the British security forces in Northern Ireland would have been dramatically transformed if the IRA had landed the 20 Sam-7 surface-to-air missiles found aboard the Eksund, security forces said last night.

The missiles would have posed a huge threat to their strategically essential use of helicopters in the border zone where security patrols avoid travelling by road in the rugged countryside along the

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Kinnock slaps down left wing

By Philip Webster
Chief Political Correspondent

Mr Neil Kinnock yesterday fiercely criticized left-wing critics who accuse him of being prepared to water down Labour policies to win the next election.

In a tough speech to Labour MPs Mr Kinnock said the party's approach, and the policies it put to the people, must be based on a "constant, unremitting, unswerving dedication" to defeating the Tories.

And if that was "electoralism", as he had heard it sneeringly described, he pleaded guilty.

The Labour leader's message, delivered as his party embarks on its fundamental policy review, was that there is nothing more important to Labour than winning.

Mr Kinnock's no-nonsense approach, in which he dismissed last month's alternative socialist conference at Chesterfield, pleased a large majority of the parliamentary party, who gave him a warm reception. But left-wingers were saying later that it confirmed their belief that he was ready to ditch "sacred" principles in the pursuit of victory.

The Labour leader's speech came as MPs agreed to dig into their own pockets in the interests of helping the party to win.

The Parliamentary Labour Party agreed that the 229 MPs should each contribute 1 per cent (£225) of their salaries as a compulsory levy to party coffers.

An amendment moved by Mr Max Madden calling for a 5 per cent compulsory contribution was defeated by 81 votes to 30.

With the seven new policy review groups about to go into action, Mr Kinnock said the policies that emerged must be related to the realities of the early 1990s and beyond.

They must be policies "which deal with the condition of the economy and society as they are, and not as we would like them ideally to be at the time of our election".

They must be capable of being conveyed in appealing terms to the whole of the electorate. They must take no one for granted and must reject the idea that there were groups to which Labour could make no appeal.

In an attack on Mr Tony Benn's Chesterfield conference, which broadly rejected the leadership's post-election approach, Mr Kinnock said the Labour Party would be the focus and forum of debate, a reference to the fact that many of the socialist groups represented at Chesterfield were not in the Labour Party.

Nato changes tune to back missile pact

From Michael Evans in Monterey, California and Michael Binyon in Washington

Nato defence ministers and military commanders cast aside past reservations about the intermediate-range missile agreement with the Russians yesterday and put pressure on the US Senate to ratify an INF treaty early next year.

The Nato decision coincided with a television broadcast by President Reagan in which he applauded "a new willingness, even eagerness, on the part of some of our allies to increase the level of co-operation and coordination among themselves in European defence".

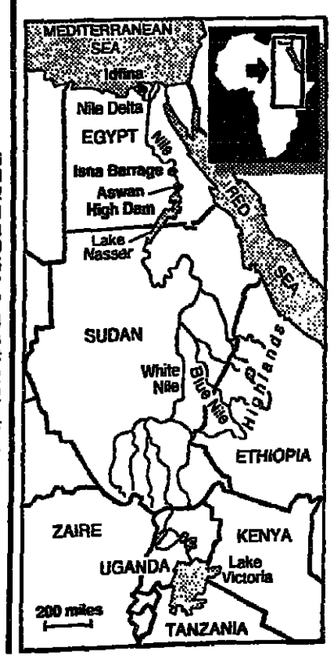
At the Nuclear Planning Group (NPG) meeting in Monterey, Mr George Younger, the Secretary of State of Defence, and his Nato counterparts gave their unanimous support for an INF treaty that will remove 348 cruise and Pershing 2 single-warhead missiles and 1,600 Soviet nuclear warheads.

Mr Younger said that everyone was now "thoroughly

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The mighty cradle of civilization is drying up



From Ian Murray
Cairo

The River Nile is drying up. Eight successive years of drought in the Ethiopian Highlands have depleted the stocks in Lake Nasser, behind the Aswan High Dam, to their lowest levels since 1968. By next July, if Egypt continues to use water at the present rate, stocks will be exhausted.

The underlying trends emerged in a report last July prepared for the Egyptian Government by Sir Murdoch Macdonald and Partners, a firm of Cambridge consultants whose founder worked on the original British-built Aswan Dam.

What makes these trends dramatic is that this year's annual floods, which it was hoped would restore healthy levels, have all but failed, thus denying the Nile the waters which made it the cradle of civilization 7,000 years ago. The floods were among the smallest this century, scarcely more than in 1984 when they were all but non-existent.

Some consequences are already being felt. The output of hydro-electricity from the High Dam, which supplies up to 40 per cent of Egypt's needs, is falling because the lower water levels produce less power for the turbines.

Levels cannot be allowed to drop too low or the turbines would be wrecked by tiny air bubbles sucked in with the water and then imploding as they flow over the blades. To prevent that, power output might need to be cut by up to 60 per cent next summer, when so much energy is required for air conditioning and refrigeration.

Navigation in the river is also at risk with lower water levels. A number of the shallow draught cruise ships, which bring much-needed tourist trade to Upper Egypt, grounded this summer. Next year, navigation is likely to be even more difficult.

Most serious of all is the threat to Egypt's agricultural production, which relies totally on Nile water for irrigation. Some experts calculate that there will have to be cuts of at least 15 per cent if the crisis is to be overcome. This comes at a time when the Government is encouraging settlers to "invade the desert" to make Egypt self-sufficient in food

The Aswan High Dam went into operation in 1966-67 to regulate the flow of water from the annual floods in August and September. Under the terms of the Nile Water Agreement, which calculated the average annual flow at 84 milliards (one milliard is a cubic kilometre of water) Egypt could take 55.5 and Sudan could take 18.5.

Regular rains in the Highlands feeding the Blue Nile, and an unnaturally high level in Lake Victoria, meant that by 1978 the dam was storing almost two years' supply for Egypt.

Since then, however, rainfall has dropped away and Lake Victoria has shrunk back to more normal levels. Since 1979, the floods have never been capable of replenishing the amount Egypt has been taking.

At the moment, when the level is at its highest after the annual floods, there are only 17 milliards in stock. No more floodwater will arrive until next August, and climatologists are pessimistic about the chances for a rainy year in 1988.

Research, partly at Bracknell, has shown that a climatic change seems to be taking place in the area which feeds the Nile. Water in the south-

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Australia win

Australia beat Pakistan, the favourites, by 18 runs to reach the cricket World Cup final in Calcutta on Sunday. They will meet the winners of this morning's match between India and England Pages 46,48

Self-analysis

Graduates need to ask questions about themselves before applying for jobs, says Peter Leslie, managing director of Barclays Bank, in an introduction to today's seven pages of General Appointments Pages 16, 38-43

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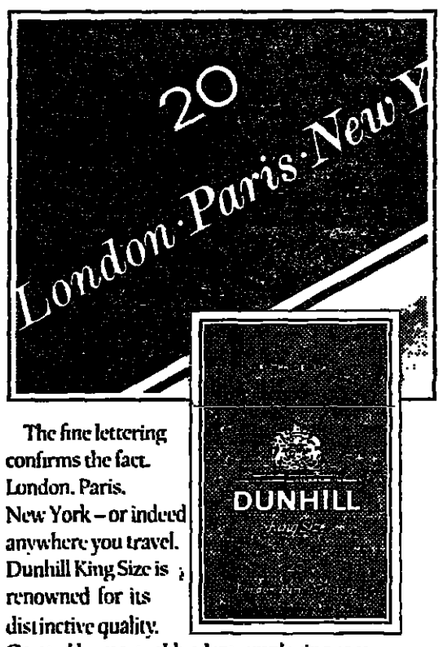
● There is £12,000 to be won today in The Times Portfolio Gold competition, three times the usual amount as there have been no winners for the past two days.
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NEWS SUMMARY

New party may be leaderless

The party formed by the merger of the Alliance may be launched next March without a leader, it emerged yesterday (Our Political Correspondent writes).

Mr David Steel said he would tell his parliamentary colleagues next January whether he will stand as a candidate for the leadership of the new party.

"I hope to be able to tell you early in the new year but if it were decided to put off the whole question of the leadership election then perhaps I would not", he said.

The leadership will be decided by membership ballot. Mr Steel said that before any election was held there would have to be time for the party to register its members. But he assumed the issue would be settled by next autumn.

The merger negotiating team has reached agreement on the key issue of a policy prospectus, which will be prepared by Mr Steel and Mr Robert Maclennan.

Dr David Owen, the former SDP leader, dismissed the talks as taking place in a "mood of *premature despair*". He told a meeting at Taunton, Somerset: "The SDP will not die and a fourth national political party will remain."

Prince is president

Prince Edward is to be the president of the National Youth Music Theatre.

The appointment was announced yesterday at the *Sadler's Wells theatre*, London, where the Prince met the young cast of a forthcoming production.

Prince Edward, aged 22, is also patron of the National Youth Theatre.

The Nationwide Anglia Building Society presented a cheque for £165,000 in a three-year sponsorship of the company, which was founded 11 years ago.

£430,000 damages

A woman left paralysed after a car crash was awarded £430,527 damages in the High Court yesterday.

The car in which Mrs Christine Winwood, aged 29, of Woodside, Wigmore, Kent, was a passenger broke down near Derby in November 1985 and was struck by a lorry.

She is confined to a wheelchair. The court was told Mrs Winwood, who has a son aged two, still hopes to have another baby.

Victory for disabled

Twelve thousand disabled school leavers have won the *right to be assessed for their needs and given extra help by* local authority social services departments. The victory will cost the Government an extra £20 million a year (Our Social Services Correspondent writes).

The move, activation in February next year of two sections of the Disabled Persons Act which won the Royal Assent in July 1986 was hailed by opposition MPs last night as a "first step" to improving the rights of disabled people of all ages.

Ronson victory

Mr Gerald Ronson, chairman of the Heron Group, won substantial libel damages in the High Court yesterday over allegations in *The Daily Telegraph* about his role in the Guinness takeover.

Mr Michael Sherrard, *QC, for Mr Ronson, said* the newspaper made "gravely damaging" allegations about his client.

The newspaper acknowledged that the allegations were wholly unfounded and agreed to pay Mr Ronson's costs and undisclosed damages to a charity of his choice.



Driver hits £6m jet

A new Hawk trainer jet is awaiting repairs after being dented by a fireman's wife driving a VW Golf. The £6 million plane was being towed by a tractor across Dunsfold Airfield in Surrey when Mrs *Julie Fuller, aged 28, drove* into its wing.

British Aerospace said yesterday that she was dazzled by *the tractor lights while on her way to pick up her husband* who works at the airfield.

Labour drops hardline CND committee choice

By Martin Fletcher
Political Reporter

Labour dropped yesterday its plans to nominate an active, campaigning member of the *Campaign for* Nuclear Disarmament for membership of the Commons defence select committee.

It did nominate two CND members, and their nominations are still expected to be challenged by senior Tory backbenchers. However Mr Derek Foster, Labour's Chief Whip, managed by selecting two relative moderates to avert the resignations of the two senior Labour multilateralists on the committee.

Labour's two new CND-supporting nominations for the defence committee are Mr John McWilliam, MP for Blaydon, and Mr John Evans, MP for St Helens North, both respected senior MPs members on the party's soft left and acceptable to the two remaining Labour members on the committee, Mr Bruce George and Mr Dick Douglas.

However it is understood that 48 hours earlier Mr Evans was not under consideration. On Monday night Mr Foster, under pressure from the left of the party, had proposed a name – believed to be that of Mr William McKelvey, hard left MP for Kilmarnock and Loudoun – to which Mr George and Mr Douglas objected.

Further talks were held on *Tuesday, and that night the* issue was still unresolved. Mr Evans's name was finally agreed on by yesterday morning. A CND spokesman said last night that while Mr Evans and Mr McWilliam were "an enormous advance" on Dr Gilbert, the organization was sorry Labour had not taken the opportunity to nominate two more prominent and energetic supporters of its policies.

Labour's nominations must now be approved by the *Commons, but senior Tory* backbenchers are likely to object to Mr McWilliam and Mr Evans on the grounds that the Ministry of Defence would be inhibited from providing information to a committee *containing CND members.* They will seek to have the nominations referred back to the Committee of Selection.

Meanwhile Dr John Gilbert, the former Labour defence minister dropped from the defence committee for outspoken attacks on his party's *unilateralism, has been* placed instead on the Trade and Industry committee, where he is less likely to highlight internal party divisions.

And while the committee of selection last night agreed memberships for all the other departmental select *committees*, the dispute was still continuing over the Scottish Affairs committee whose reconstitution will be delayed *further.*

The continuing dispute *over the Scottish* select committee arises from the Government's post-election inability to form a majority on the 13-man committee even if all its five Scottish backbenchers were prepared to serve, which they are not.

The Government is understood to want to cut the size of *the committee so as to ensure* a majority. Negotiations are continuing.

On the other departmental committees the Conservatives will have six places, Labour four, and the other parties one, leaving a slender government majority of one.

Parkinson to face protest from CBI on electricity

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

The Confederation of British Industry is to lobby Mr Cecil Parkinson, Secretary of State for Energy, about the threat of a 15 per cent increase in electricity prices during the next two years.

It says that such a rise would add £900 million to industry's costs with bulk users such as chemical, steel, *man-made* fibre and paper manufacturers being particularly badly hit.

The prospect of higher power charges was greeted with horror at the CBI's annual conference in Glasgow *earlier this week and yesterday* a spokesman said: "The proposed increase in prices could blunt the competitive edge of many firms.

"They will be faced with the prospect of passing the increase on in higher prices – which could mean conceding business to their rivals – or holding prices and thus foregoing cash which is badly needed for their own investment."

For many internationally-traded chemicals, the CBI said, electricity accounted for 25-33 per cent of the cost and in the case of chlorine about 60 per cent.

The CBI said the electricity industry had been earning substantial surpluses in recent years and during the next two years the figure would be more than £2 billion. "This coupled with efficiency improvements would go a long way towards funding the investment programme without crippling *price rises*", the CBI said.

Meanwhile planning applications for two new coal-fired *power* stations and one nuclear station are to be submitted before the end of this year in line with the Government's decision to set new financial targets for the electricity industry.

Claims that the resulting price increases are being introduced simply to make the Central Electricity Generating Board and the 12 area boards more attractive for privatization have been consistently denied by the industry.

It points to the fact that electricity consumption has been steadily rising since the sixties and that new power stations are needed in the *South, where demand is rising* fastest.

Most of the power fed into *the national grid comes from* the large coal-fired stations in the Trent Valley and in South Yorkshire. Even they are nearing capacity and one of the new coal-fired stations planned will be built at West *Burton, North Yorkshire.*

The other coal-fired station for which early planning approval *is being sought will be* at Fawley on Southampton Water, next to the large oil-fired station, not used at peak capacity except during the miners' strike.

The other planning applications will be for a pressurized water cooled reactor (PWR) at Hinkley Point on the Severn estuary alongside the existing nuclear plant.

It will be a duplicate of the *Sizewell B* power station on which construction work has just started in Suffolk. Three other similar stations are planned.

The area boards will discuss the price rises at a meeting of the Electricity Council in two weeks' time.



A porter at Christie's yesterday displaying Charlie Chaplin's hat, cane and boots, which are expected to fetch about £25,000 at a sale of Chaplin memorabilia on December 11.

Elgin works fetch £176,638

By Sarah Jane Checkland, Art Market Correspondent

Having inherited the fruits of his ancestor's acquisitive habits, the present Lord Elgin has been forced to behave in quite the opposite manner, auctioning off his inheritance because of lack of funds.

In June last year he sold a set of sketches belonging to his ancestor who brought the Elgin marbles to London. Yesterday, at Sotheby's topographical paintings and drawings sale in London, he raised £176,638 (nearly double the estimate) with 19 paintings from his great grandfather's days as Governor General of Canada.

The 8th Earl of Elgin was posted in Canada between 1846 to 1854, a time when the country was bitterly divided between the British and French Canadians. There he witnessed the burning of the Montreal Houses of Parliament, and helped to save the country from being annexed to the United States.

SALEROOM

The top item in yesterday's collection was an oil painting showing a deputation of Indian chiefs presenting a petition to Elgin about their poverty and misery. By the Frenchman Theophile Hamel, and estimated at up to £60,000, it fetched £60,500. Another, by the same artist, was of Jacques Cartier, the man who reputedly discovered Canada, and was sold for £24,200 (estimate £15,000 to £20,000), to the same anonymous collector.

The sale was popular with Commonwealth collectors. A painting of Sydney harbour by Sydney Long sold for £21,450 to the Australian T Silver gallery, and the Bermuda government bought three works, including a painting of St George's Hill, Bermuda, by Thomas Driver, for £4,400.

Admiral attacks space freeze

By Michael Dynes

The Government's refusal to increase its contribution to Britain's fledgling space programme came under attack yesterday from Admiral Sir James Eberle, director of the Royal Institute of International Affairs.

In a highly critical report, Sir James said that the Government's determination to maintain spending on space research at its present level could lead to a decline in Britain's industrial strength, limit our influence in European and world affairs, and *impair our ability to participate* in future European security initiatives.

The report was compiled by the institute, an independent foreign affairs research organization, in collaboration with similar institutions in Bonn, Paris, Rome and the Hague. Its publication comes days *before a European Space* Agency meeting at the Hague, which will decide on European space cooperation for the rest of the century.

The ESA is expected to approve projects including the Columbus space station, the Hermes mini-shuttle, and the new Ariane launcher, which could put Europe in the forefront of space exploration and exploitation.

The distribution of development contracts and the long-term benefits are to be decided on the basis of the financial commitment of each of the 12 participants in the programme's formative stages. *International Collaboration* (James Eberle and Helen Wallace, Chatham House, 10 St James's Square, London; £6.95).

● The Government was accused yesterday of destroying Britain's science base following Mr Nigel Lawson's announcement of the new science budget in his autumn statement.

Dr Jeremy Bray, Labour's science and technology spokesman, said the £45 million extra science spending hid extra expenses already approved by the Government, which would eat away most of the increase.

Labour councils help Tory housing plans

By David Walker

The Government's £800 million windfall from council house sales is the result of Labour councils finally getting their sales programmes under way, according to housing experts yesterday.

The unexpected rise in receipts from sales during 1987-88 allowed Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, to increase the budget for house-building without running up against Treasury controls on his total spending. Mr Ridley has said *his department, which has* raised £10 billion from council house sales during the past seven years, has not had sufficient credit for "our part of the privatization programme".

Experts said the Government had benefited from extra sales revenue at a time when the number of houses being sold is declining. Sales, which peaked in 1982-83 at 180,000, are calculated at fewer than 90,000 this year.

Much of the property sold is in the south of England and is semi-detached and small estate housing. District councils *in the Home Counties have* complained of growing homelessness because houses have been sold and not replaced.

Because property in London is more expensive than elsewhere, even after a discount, proceeds from sales there are greater and have added to the total.

Call for union no-strike deal

By Roland Rudd

Moderates in the Civil and Public Services Association *want the union to take the* unprecedented step of signing a no-strike agreement with the Government.

The association, which was involved in a lengthy strike earlier this year, is negotiating with the Treasury over a long-term pay settlement.

Moderates at the Department of Health and Social Security in Washington, Co Durham have submitted a motion for the association's special pay conference on December 3 calling for binding independent arbitration, which effectively rules out the possibility of strike action.

The motion has taken many members of the union by surprise since its Washington branch contains some prominent supporters of the Militant Tendency, including Mr Kevin Roddy, former president of the union and a leading member of the hard left.

The motion says if negotiations with the Treasury are to be successful the association should "safely offer its employers a no-strike agreement on pay".

The union's Militant-controlled standing orders committee has already placed the *motion at the back of the 267* submitted by branches for debate.

Mr John Macreadie, the association's deputy general secretary and a supporter of the Militant Tendency, *unsuccessfully tried to propose a* motion at the TUC conference calling for a ban on no-strike deals.

The Washington branch is determined to have its motion debated. Mr Tony Rouse, the *branch chairman, is planning* to refer it back to the standing orders committee which will be forced to put it to the vote.

Jobs will be at risk if postmen vote to strike

By Tim Jones

Leaders of the Post Office unions will be told today that thousands of jobs will be put *at risk if their 150,000 mem*bers vote to strike in pursuit of their claim for a shorter working week.

Immediately after Mr Alan Tuffin, general secretary of the Union of Communication Workers, speaks this morning to present the case for his union's claim, senior Post *Office executives plan to make* it clear that they will not concede a three-hour reduction in the working week.

The warning will be given by Mr Ken Young, vice-chairman in charge of industrial relations, and Mr Bill Cockburn, managing director of the corporation's letters department.

Mrs Thatcher said on Tuesday that if postmen and sorters go on strike the Government will be prepared to suspend the Post Office monopoly on mail delivery.

TNT and other private delivery firms have already shown an interest in handling mail.

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Lords face move to curb powers

By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff

The Government is considering new ways to thwart the power of the House of Lords to water down the radical programme of reforms this session.

Government departments are expected to make greater use of orders which cannot be *amended, rather than using* Bills. That tactic would enable the Government to bypass the peers' function as a revising chamber.

Affirmative resolutions are normally debated in the Lords *while negative instruments* "lie on the table" and are automatically passed unless contested. It is rare for the Lords to vote on secondary legislation.

A concerted campaign by *ministers to use secondary* legislation as a deliberate device to block the right of peers to amend Bills could result in a big confrontation.

The Government is resisting appeals from peers to shelve at least one of its Bills. Measures due to be tackled by the Lords between February and July include the poll tax proposal; education reforms; an important housing Bill; paving Bill for privatizing water and electricity; local government tighter firearms controls; trade union reforms; and the Social Security Bill.

● The Government secretly planned a significant reform of the House of Lords giving ministers in the upper house much more power and influence than they now enjoy.

The existence of a Lords reform package is disclosed tonight in an interview on *BBC Radio 4's Analysis* programme with Lady Young, Conservative leader of the Lords till 1983. The plan went as far as discussion in a Cabinet committee code-named H(HL).

Its main thrust was to give government ministers who were peers a right to address the Commons in person. The inability of the Commons to hear members of the House of Lords and to question them *has in recent times been given* as the reason why the Prime Minister cannot be a peer. The plan was vetoed in Cabinet.

De Savary seeks a fresh start for Land's End

By Cliff Feltham

The yachtsman and financier, Mr Peter de Savary, visited Land's End, Cornwall, for the first time in the summer and found the place in what he described as a complete mess.

He is buying the famous landmark for £6.8 million and aims to make it a big tourist attraction. "I went there with friends and found it very disappointing. The natural surroundings are magnificent but the facilities for visitors are very poor and shabby", he said yesterday.

Mr de Savary is acquiring the 107-acre site through his *fast-growing quoted company*, LandLeisure, from Mr David Goldstone, the property investor, who paid £2.25 million for it in 1981. The agreement includes a restaurant and public house, a gift shop and craft centre, holiday apartments, a former hotel and the village of Sennen.

Mr de Savary is to spend £1 million on improvements before the start of the holiday season next Easter. The landmark attracts 500,000 visitors a year out of an estimated 16 million to the West Country.

"It should be one of the most successful tourist attractions in this country. We could be handling several thousand people an hour at peak times", he said.

"Unfortunately, at the moment it is a bit of a mess and visitors go away feeling rather disappointed. A lot more people should visit Land's End and I am sure that by attention to detail we can do a great deal to make it a much more worthwhile experience."

He said the sale had the blessing of the National Trust. "This is a great natural asset and should be used appropriately and properly. We will not be doing anything that is not in keeping with the environment generally."

His proposals for transforming Lands's End include restoring the derelict hotel, creating a childrens' play area away from the cliffs, improving catering and setting up an audio visual display on the history of the site. He intends also to replant natural flora

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Bombing suspects were 'hammered' says ex-policeman

By Stewart Tendler

Irishmen were "hammered" at a Birmingham police station after the IRA public house bombings in 1974, a former West Midlands policeman told the Court of Appeal yesterday.

Mr Tom Clarke said he saw police using intimidation on the prisoners, denying them sleep and making them perform a routine of exercises.

He saw one prisoner who had "been hit so badly that I, although I wanted to see him dead, was worried about him." All the prisoners, he said "had been hammered. They had been hit hard."

Mr Clarke, who left the force in 1978 after being sentenced to three months' jail for stealing £5 from a prisoner, was one of several former police officers who described what they saw at Queens Road police station during the weekend after the bombings in November 1974, when 21 people were killed. Five of the six men now appealing against conviction were held at the station.

The suspects were already at the station when Mr Clarke arrived for a night shift on Friday, November 22, 1974. He said there was elation after the arrests and he himself was "thrilled. We had a horrible murder take place and the men were in custody".

In the cell area he found two armed officers and a dog handler with an Alsatian, which was being made to bark. He looked into the cells and saw the prisoners either sitting or standing at attention.

He said: "They were not physically injured, just petrified. They were scared to death, frightened. The first time I saw them the officers called them 'Irish bastards'. I think I did."

When Mr Clarke asked for the noise to stop at about midnight, the officers said they had been ordered to keep the prisoners awake by an officer called Buck who was then an assistant or deputy chief constable.

At one stage, Mr Clarke said, "the door was open to cell 1 and the dog was made to bark with his head inside". Guns were pointed at the vents of the cell doors and prisoners were ordered to sit down and then stand to attention for up to 15 minutes at a time.

By the end of his shift the next morning, Mr Clarke said, the prisoners were still sitting or standing to attention and "still scared out of their wits". He had not complained about what he had seen because "I wanted to throw a grenade into each cell. They had blown up 21 Birmingham youngsters. I wanted to see them in hell."

When he returned next evening the station was calmer



Mr Clarke: "Prisoners in the cells were petrified."

injured. "I looked at each prisoner's profile. There was a puffiness over and under the eyes, red faces."

One prisoner had a red weal, a rope burn, on his right lower abdomen which Mr Clarke, a trained first aid expert, thought might be a ruptured liver. Asked why he had not reported what he had seen, he told the court: "There were a lot of people dead and a lot of people injured. My view was 'it's too bad'."

Next morning the prisoners were still "in a petrified state, terrified."

Mr Clarke denied that he had come forward to vilify the force he had served or the police station where he had worked.

Mr Paul Berry, a former traffic policeman in Birmingham, told the court that he went to the police station after the bombings and saw a man with facial injuries who he believed was one of the men later convicted.

Mrs Joyce Lynas, a former West Midlands policewoman, said she heard the prisoners pleading to be allowed to sleep on the night they were brought there. She said they were ignored or sworn at.

Earlier Mr Igor Judge, QC, for the crown, asked Mr Bill Bailey, a cleaning superintendent at Morecambe police station, where the men were first held in November 1974, why he had waited until April this year to disclose that he saw blood smeared on the wall of a cell.

Mr Bailey said he had signed the Official Secrets Act when he started working for the police, and was told never to discuss what he saw or heard.

The hearing continues.

Zeebrugge hero is a 'Man of the Year'



Mr Andrew Parker (centre) hugging his daughter, Janice, aged 13 (left), and his wife, Eleanor, with three of the passengers he saved when he acted as a human bridge after the ferry, Herald of Free Enterprise, overturned at Zeebrugge last March.

With the family are (from left) Mrs Oriana Gomez, of Herne Hill, south London, Mr Joseph Kay, of Bradford, and Mr Clifford Byrne, of Tooting Bec, south London.

Mr Parker, aged 33, a City bank official, had an unexpected reunion with the passengers yesterday at the Hilton Hotel, London, where he learnt that he was one of nine named as "Men of the Year" by the Royal Association for Disability and Rehabilitation.

His wife said: "We are very proud of him. He doesn't want to be called a hero, but he is a hero to us."

(Photograph: Chris Harris)

Aids research

Sugar could be key to beating virus

By Pearce Wright
Science Editor

A discovery by Dutch medical researchers could open the way for a family of drugs that would prevent people infected with the Aids virus developing the disease.

The new medicines would avoid the side-effects of the current drugs used to contain the illness, but which are refinements of compounds tried earlier, but unsuccessfully, as possible anti-cancer drugs.

The advance by doctors working with Professor Rob Gruters, of The Netherlands' Red Cross Blood Transfusion Service, Amsterdam University, is reported in today's issue of the journal *Nature*.

The idea came from a separate line of research into substances developed to control the level of glucose in the blood of individuals who are unable to process some large sugar molecules properly.

Similar sugar molecules exist in the Aids virus. More important, one of the sugars forms a vital part of a protein that is on the outer envelope of the Aids virus.

Research by other scientists has shown the protein is an important marker for identifying the virus which causes Aids and also plays a large part in the infectivity of the virus.

The Dutch scientists have shown in laboratory experiments with HIV infected cells that the sugar molecule on the envelope can be disrupted.

This was done by adding two of the substances most effective in controlling glucose levels in the blood. Those compounds are known as castanospermine and dNM (which stands for 1-deoxymannojirimycin).

The scientists are cautious in their report, and indicate that much more research is needed.

● Doctors' surgeries could be used to dispense clean needles to drug abusers to try to stop the spread of Aids.

Government ministers are considering using surgeries as an outlet after the failure of experimental needle exchange schemes to attract a significant number of intravenous drug abusers, the most likely group to contract the disease in Scotland.

Mr Michael Forsyth, Under Secretary of State at the Scottish Office, said yesterday the use of GPs' surgeries, which is likely to be opposed by some doctors, was just one option being considered by the Government.

Mr Forsyth, speaking at the British Medical Association's conference in Edinburgh on general practice and HIV infection, said only around a hundred addicts have attended the scheme in Edinburgh and 60 in Glasgow.

Management by nationality the key to business success

By John Spicer, Employment Affairs Correspondent

Nationality, not age, education or profession, is what makes a good leader, according to a professor of organizational behaviour from France's leading management academy.

Professor Andre Laurent told a conference of more than 300 women managers from 17 countries that British managers thought their priority was to create the right image and to get noticed for what they did.

Professor Laurent, the first speaker at the European Women's Management Development conference in Brighton, said that most British managers still needed to be convinced of the value of effective communication within their companies. Just 30 per cent of British managers said they thought it was important to have precise answers to the questions raised by employees, whereas two-thirds of French managers and more than three-quarters of Japanese thought it mattered.

Professor Laurent, of the Insead business academy at Fontainbleau where France's top civil servants are trained, referred to a survey carried out by the institute among 1,700 managers all over the world.

He said that American managers thought the single most important criterion to a successful career was "ambition and drive".

French managers saw things quite differently, he said. For them, the single most important criterion was "being labelled as having high potential". They looked at the organization they worked for as an authority network where the power to organize and control stemmed from their position in the hierarchy.

German managers, more than others, believed that creativity was essential for career success. In their mind the successful manager was one who had the right individual characteristics.

But British managers held a more inter-personal and subjective view of the world. According to them, the ability to create the right image and get noticed for what they did was essential to their career success.

Professor Laurent said: "Such national differences have been ignored in the past, or have simply been the object of jokes. But organizations that acknowledge differences between cultures and manage accordingly are more likely to be effective. Such differences are an asset and not a handicap.

"Each culture has a unique insight on organizational behaviour."

Record year for tourists

By Derek Harris

A record 15 million tourists will have visited this country by the end of the year, according to the British Tourist Authority.

The authority made its forecast as provisional figures from the Government showed a 14 per cent increase in the number of visitors from overseas in the first eight months of this year during which 11 million of them arrived in this country.

It said that there was no sign of a decline in the number of American visitors in spite of the fall in the value of the dollar against the pound. In August there was an increase of 38 per cent in the numbers coming from North America. Britain still offered good value for money, the tourist authority said.

However, the travel trade was worried that a continued squeeze on the dollar could have an affect next year.

A big increase in the number of British holidaymakers going to the United States isbeing forecast by tour operators such as Jetsave and American Air Plan which specialize in that market.

The growing appeal of North America is already showing up. In the first eight months of 1987 the number of visitors from the United Kingdom was up 40 per cent on last year and, in the three months to the end of August, the increase was 31 per cent.

Spending by overseas visitors in the UK this year is expected to reach £7.5 billion, according to the tourist association. So far £4.18 billion, a rise of 17 per cent, has been spent in this country.

The number of Britons travelling overseas rose to 17.8 million, an increase of 4.4 per cent. They spent £4.6 billion, up 14 per cent on the same period last year, in other countries, leaving a £435 million deficit on the travel account of the balance of payments, slightly down on the same period of last year when the deficit was running at £442 million.

Cleveland inquiry

Judge seeks doctors' notes

Two Cleveland psychiatrists who allegedly believe that sexual abuse does not harm children were yesterday ordered to hand over their records.

Mrs Justice Butler-Sloss, the judge heading the inquiry into the sexual abuse of children in Cleveland, demanded that Dr Selladurai Wignarajah and Dr Sandy Chisholm submit the records of any victims they have treated this year.

She said that she was taken aback to discover that Dr Wignarajah had dealt with 24 cases of child abuse since January yet Professor David Hull, the inquiry's medical assesor, had not seen any psychiatric notes in the evidence.

"There has not been one single word of psychiatric work on any of the children who have been sexually abused. What do these consultants think this inquiry is about?" she asked Miss Eleanor Platt, QC, for the Northern Regional Health Authority.

The inquiry was into its third month but there was no mention of the psychiatrists' involvement in the case until two days ago.

Details of their involvement were revealed when Mrs Heather Bacon, a clinical psychologist, told the inquiry of the alleged views of the psychiatrists.

Mrs Bacon claimed that Dr Wignarajah felt that sexual abuse "enriched" children's lives; Dr Chisholm did not believe it was damaging.

Mrs Justice Butler-Sloss said that she and the panel of assesors were concerned at what was going on. It was unhelpful to have to receive new information at this late stage.

The inquiry was also told yesterday that social workers had faced particular difficulties in cases where a doctor's diagnosis was overruled.

Miss Deborah Glassbrook, Cleveland child resource centre manager, said that steps could not be taken to protect a child when there was such a disagreement over diagnosis.

Miss Glassbrook told the Middlesbrough hearing that Dr Marietta Higgs, one of the paediatricians at the centre of the case, had come to the conclusion that one child had been abused but her diagnosis was overturned when referred for a second opinion.

The child had "drawn a picture which indicated to us that there needed to be further investigation".

But as the diagnosis had been contradicted, a place of safety order was not possible, putting her department in an extremely difficult, if not impossible situation.

The hearing continues.

Mrs Thatcher visits a premier store

By Robin Young

The Prime Minister dropped a clear hint yesterday that the time has come to move out of equities and get into knitwear. "That's lovely", she declared, fingering a £200 cashmere sweater. "Now that is what I call an investment".

Mrs Thatcher was on a shopping expedition to the newly extended flagship store of Marks & Spencer at Marble Arch, central London. She spent nearly two hours touring the store, meeting staff, greeting customers, and choosing a few items for her own use.

Not everything she wanted was on the shelves, however. Curtains and bed linen were brought over specially from the home furnishing department on the other side of Oxford Street.

Accompanied by Lord Rayner, chairman of Marks & Spencer, and Mr David Sieff, the company's director of personnel and public affairs, Mrs Thatcher visited a Youth Training Scheme session, and a staff meeting.

The media was banned, however, from the shop's second floor - where the company's famous lingerie is on display. The Prime Minister descended from that level quarter of an hour behind schedule. "She made an unprogrammed detour into the footwear department", M & S executives explained.

Enterprising cameramen had arranged for Mrs Thatcher to be invited to admire some of the most ostentatiously patterned knitwear on display — luxurious sweaters selling at £17.99 and ornamented with gaudy golden bow motifs or lurex stars. "We've got the wrong selection there", murmured Lord Rayner in disbelief.

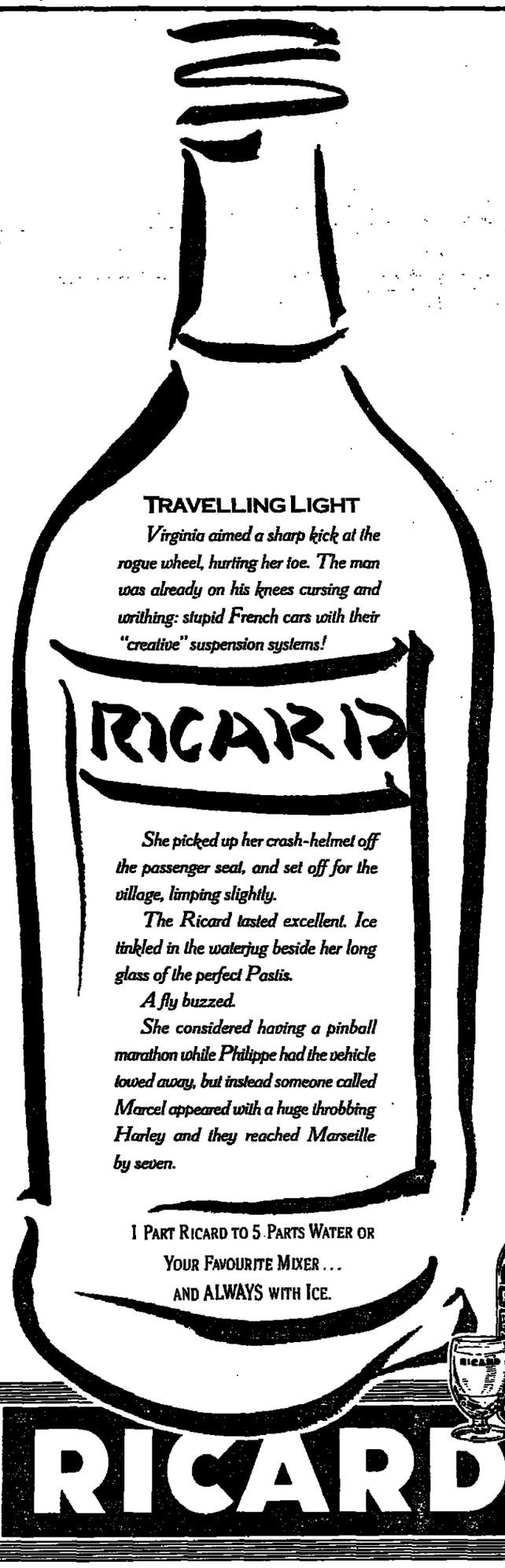
The Prime Minister chose a cream cardigan in ribbed lambswool and angora at £39.95 and two silk blouses from the company's Premier Collection.

"I tend to wear the safe colours, black, white, grey and navy", the Prime Minister confided. "But occasionally I strike out with jewel colours like sapphire, emerald or amethyst to brighten something up. Then people do not realize it is the same suit that you are still wearing".

Her advice to Christmas shoppers was: "Do not leave it too late." She admitted that there was usually one important present that got forgotten until the last minute. "With me, it's usually my husband."

Downstairs two admirers presented Mrs Thatcher with their newly bought flowers, and a pensioner told her she was lovelier in person than on television. Japanese tourists thronged to take her photograph, and a Spanish woman claimed her autograph.

"It has been lovely", she said, and with one last admiring glance at a yewtree cabinet priced at £1,150, waved goodbye.



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Freedom to vote not negotiable, minister is told

Opposition MPs disputed the view that under the community charge more people would pay local taxes than under the rating system.

The system was also condemned as a tax on voting and the Government was warned that universal suffrage was "not negotiable".

Mr Michael Howard, Minister of State for Environment, told MPs that there were about 12.6 million people paying domestic rates in full in England compared with 35.8 million eligible to vote in local council elections.

Replying to Conservative MPs, who urged him to bring in the community charge as soon as possible, he said that no other proposal offered the advantages in accountability that it offered.

Accountability was the last thing that the Labour Party in local government wanted. That was why it was so desperate in *its opposition to the proposal.*

Mr Simon Hughes (Southwark and Bermondsey, Lib) said that he hoped Mr Howard were not trying to mislead the House. Householders paid domestic rates. How many in those households contributed at the moment to domestic rates?

Mr Howard said that the bills went to one person in the house and 12.6 million people received them.

Mr John Heddle (Mid Staffordshire, C) said that, of the *18 million ratepayers who*

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should pay rates, one third did not either in full or in part.

Mr Howard agreed. The new system would be fairer.

Mr Jeffrey Rooker (Birmingham, Perry Barr, Lab) said that 12 million spouses of the direct ratepayers would not take kindly to being told that they were not contributing to rates.

Universal suffrage was not negotiable. The ability to vote must never be related to the ability to pay.

Mr Howard replied that a recent report of the Audit Commission had said that those who did not receive the bills were three times less likely even to know that local rates had increased, far less what their level was.

Mr John Cunningham, chief Opposition spokesman on the environment, said that the Conservative-controlled London Borough of Barnet, which included the Prime Minister's constituency, had rejected the Government's proposals to introduce the poll tax.

One of the reasons why Conservative councillors were increasingly rejecting the principles was because the Government intended to take powers that would allow it retrospectively to alter council budgets and council levels of income.

Mr Howard, said that Mr Cunningham was not right about the attitude of Conservative councillors to the community charge proposal.

It might well be that even when the community charge was in force there would be *some* Labour-controlled councils still engaging in irresponsible behaviour.

Miss Dianne Abbott (Hackney North and Stoke Newington, Lab): The community charge in inner London will be at least £600 a head. Whatever you care to call it, it is in reality a poll tax and will force many people not to register to vote.

Mr Howard: There is no intentional or unintentional effect on the voting register. A survey last week indicated that registration was not affected at all.

Miss Abbott: Rubbish.

Mr Howard said that the community charge would not be at the kind of level that Miss Abbott had given.

Mr Christopher Gill (Ludlow, C): The failure of successive governments to implement revaluation has brought the present rating system into disrepute. This is part of a deliberate and stealthy policy by the Civil Service to discredit local government.

Does he confirm that under government proposals for community charge, local authorities will be dependent on central government for up to 75 per cent of their income?

Mr Howard: The original decision to postpone revaluation was taken by the Labour Government in 1978 and it was sensible not to proceed with it pending deliberation on the proposals we were intending to put in place. The failings and defects of the present system are clear beyond anything.

Ridley rejects Opposition charge of councils clawback



Whichever way it falls, Mr Ridley will not have to pay up

Storms cash 'a con trick'

The Government's financial arrangements for helping local authorities deal with damage from last month's storms in southern England were a confidence trick that could end with the Treasury making a profit, Mr John Cunningham, chief Opposition spokesman on environmental matters, said during questions.

His accusation came after he had complained about the Government's statement that it would pay local authorities three-quarters of their storm-related costs was "absolutely untrue" because of financial penalties imposed for overspending.

Conservative-controlled East Sussex County Council was

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facing a £12 million storm bill. How would the Secretary of State for the Environment (Mr Nicholas Ridley) explain to it that it would get only £1.5 million from his department, and that it would lose between £6 million and £7 million in grant, which would be clawed back by the Treasury?

Mr Ridley retorted that somebody had "conned" Mr Cunningham. The bulk of storm-related expenditure fell to



Mr Cunningham: "Treasury might make a profit".

capital account. Some authorities had insured their capital stock, so they could put matters right at the expense, as it were, of the insurance companies.

Authorities that had not insured would have to borrow. "It must be right that the expense they saved from not paying insurance should be met, to some extent, by the cost of borrowing" (continued Labour protests).

Mr Timothy Yeo (Suffolk South, C) appealed to Mr Ridley to look sympathetically at cases *where it appeared that*, by spending to clear up storm damage, local authorities and their ratepayers were going to be penalized while the Department of the Environment and the Treasury gained.

Mr Ridley said that that had been considered. If a local authority had put aside money as a contingency, it would have allowed for the consequences.

MPs 'are lining pockets'

MPs had been taking part in the preparation of Acts of Parliament which transferred *money to the private sector and* then lining their pockets and putting their fingers in the till of British Telecom, Mr Dennis Skinner (Bolsover: Lab) said.

He raised, as a point of order, that it had been widely reported that Mr Norman Tebbit, now the past chairman of the Tory Party, had been given a job as a *non-executive director.*

He asked the Speaker to have another look at the way the register of MPs' interests was compiled, and that there should be a separate part for those who took part in Commons debates and were making money as a result.

"For people outside, this stinks", he commented.

The Speaker, Mr Bernard Weatherill, said that he should raise the matter with the Select Committee on Members' Interests.

New peers introduced

Lord Crickhowell, formerly Mr Nicholas Edwards, Secretary of State for Wales from 1979 to 1987, and Lord St John of Fawsley, formerly Mr Norman St John-Stevas, Leader of the House of Commons and Minister for the Arts from 1979 to 1981, were introduced into the House of Lords.

Germans 'to blame for North Sea pollution'

The British record in North Sea pollution was stoutly defended by Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, against a Labour charge that the United Kingdom was still an "arch-polluter" and the Government was showing reckless disregard for pollution.

Mr Ridley said that the Government was determined to ensure that pollution of the North Sea was as low as practicable.

He would preside over the second international conference on protection of the North Sea later this month with ministers from other North Sea states. He indicated that he would be making important proposals for further measures then.

"The United Kingdom is committed to ensuring a successful outcome to the conference, but this will depend on all the North Sea countries being prepared to take the necessary action."

Mr Archy Kirkwood (Roxburgh and Berwickshire, L) said that the conference presented the minister with an opportunity for progress. He should consider a United Nations regional seas programme for the North Sea, such as those for the Caribbean and Mediterranean, to prevent the present mindless vandalism continuing.

Mr Ridley said that the United Kingdom produced only 2 per cent of the toxic waste being inserted into the North Sea. More than half came from

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Germany, so Mr Kirkwood was perhaps pointing a finger at the wrong country.

He would welcome taking part in a conference on the Baltic and the Mediterranean, *or on many other seas that were* in worse state than the North Sea.

Mr Nigel Forman (Carshalton and Wallington, C) welcomed the Department of Environment initiatives and asked what progress had been made in clearing estuarine pollution, particularly in the Humber.

Mr Ridley said that about £200 million was being spent on cleaning up the Thames and £130 million on the Tyne. Work was also being done on East Coast estuaries.

The result was that 43 per cent of the deposit of heavy metals from rivers came from the Rhine, 28 per cent from West Germany and a similar proportion from the United Kingdom.

Miss Joyce Quin (Gateshead East, Lab) said that if the minister did not take an initiative, Britain would be seen as the "arch-polluter".

Mr Ridley: She has clearly not listened. Between 1 per cent and 3 per cent of heavy metal from sewage sludge dumping comes from the United Kingdom, so she grossly misrepresents our position.

This is one of the cleaner countries on the North Sea. I have a full programme to try to get through, so that other countries come into line in clearing up the North Sea.

Sir John Farr (Harborough, C) asked when the new National Rivers Authority would be set up and given powers to clean up coastal waters, as envisaged in the Green Paper.

Mr Ridley said that the authority had been generally welcomed and would make an additional contribution to cleaning up rivers that were important sources of pollution of seas round the coast.

He could not set it up until Parliament passed the necessary legislation, but would see what he could do to assemble those parts it would be proper to assemble in advance.

Mr Allan Roberts, an Opposition spokesman on the environment, said that Mr Ridley had been a little disingenuous and had been misleading the House (Conservative protests) because the Government was one of the worst polluters.

Mr Ridley said that the Oppposition could not knock Britain with impunity. All the solid waste put into the North Sea by Britain was from collieries on the Durham coast.

It was neither toxic nor polluting and if solid wastes were not allowed to be dumped, there would be colliery closures, which was not, he thought, what the Labour Party was seeking.

Demand for tough control on the football terraces

There were allegations of hooligan behaviour on the parliamentary benches when MPs put forward their ideas for curbing violence on the football terraces.

The Speaker had to call for order and remarked on the excitement caused by the subject.

MPs demanded the introduction of a "members-only" schemes at football matches and tougher action by magistrates. But Labour's spokesman cast doubt on the practicality of breath testing fans as they entered the gates.

Mr John Carlisle (Luton North, C) said that the behaviour of footballers on the field could be very influential on the fans on the terraces. The prosecution of three players in Scotland should be a salutory reminder to all footballers that they must behave more responsibly or accept the consequences.

Mr Colin Moynihan, Minister for Sport, replied that he could not comment on the specific case, but he strongly deprecated

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indiscipline and violence on any field of play. Governing bodies in sport had a duty to take tough diciplinary action. No sportsman was above the law or immune to the law, either on or off the field.

Mr Daffyd Wigley (Caernarfon, PlC) asked if he had had an opportunity to have a word with officials of the Football League to deplore the decision not to postpone this Saturday's match in which Welsh international players were involved when similar postponing was allowed for those with English players.

Mr Moynihan said that he had a great deal of sympathy with the Welsh FA's request to postpone matches. He hoped that even at this late stage the Football League would reconsider the decision.

Mr Tom Pendry (Stalybridge and Hyde, Lab) asked, in view of recent bouts of football hooliganism in many other European countries, notably the Netherlands and the Soviet Union, whether he would be assisting the FA in bringing to the notice of UEFA, in contrast, the much-improved scene here at home so that English footballers could speedily return to European club competitions.

Mr Moynihan: We still have a long way to go.

Mr David Evans (Welwyn Hatfield, C) said that the "members-only" scheme at Luton Town Football Club had been an unqualified success.

Mr Moynihan said that he applauded Luton's approach. But compelling police evidence that made it 100 per cent right for Luton did not apply to every other club.

Miss Joan Walley (Stoke-on-Trent North, Lab) said that one of the main ways of curbing football hooliganism was by providng facilities so that it could be a family sport.

Mr Denis Howell, Opposition spokesman on sport, said that there was all-party support for the minister's attack on the discrimination against the selection of Welsh footballers

Commons questions on 'secret committee'

A suggestion that a secret committee of MPs, without the knowledge of the House of *Commons as a whole, had for* some time been vetting people working at Westminster was made by Mr Tony Benn (Chesterfield, Lab).

The Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill) said that there was no secret about his advisory committee on security, but it did not vet anybody.

Mr Benn told the Speaker that he wanted to raise a question concerning a debate next week on Mr Jeremy Corbyn's research assistant, Mr Roland Bennett.

"I understand that for some time, unknown to the House, there has been an unofficial select committee of MPs of both sides to consider vetting which *has been going on for some time* without the House being informed."

The Speaker: The committee has been in existence since 1975 at least. Its membership at that time was reported in *Hansard* so it is not unknown that it exists. That committee does not vet anybody. He would reflect upon how much he could say about it.

Mr David Winnick (Walsall North, Lab) said that this was very much a House of Commons matter. They did not know the committee's terms of reference.

The right to silence is likely to stay

By Sheila Gunn
Political Staff

Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, is not now expected to press for the abolition of the defendant's right to remain silent when questioned by the police.

He is still taking soundings on possible changes to this controversial area of the law. However *Home Office sources disclosed* yesterday that the only reform could be "a workmanlike change" to prevent defence counsel ambushing the prosecution by suddenly producing an alibi at the trial.

Mr Hurd prompted a fierce dispute in legal circles in the summer by floating the idea of abolishing the right of silence. Speaking to the Police Foundation he said: "Is it really in the interests of justice that, for example, experienced criminals should be able to refuse to answer all police questions secure in the knowledge that a jury *will never hear of it.*"

The Criminal Law Revision Committee recommended in 1971 that when an accused failed to mention to the police a fact on which he relied during the trial for his defence, then the jury should be told of this.

If Mr Hurd decides on a modest reform it is likely to be introduced at a later stage of the Criminal Justice Bill.

The Bill emerged from its committee stage in the Lords this week after more than 43 hours of debate by the peers. Ministers had expected it to go smoothly through the Upper House because many of the reforms had been in the previous Bill that fell with the general election.

However, the Lords' business managers were forced to extend the committee stage from five to seven days and face the prospect of a rocky report stage because much of it remains undecided.

The Bill's troubles led Lord Whitelaw, deputy Prime Minister and Leader of the Lords, to press Mrs Thatcher to replace *the ailing Lord Havers with a* new Lord Chancellor as quickly as possible.

Business in the Lords has been rearranged to start the report stage on November 17 so that Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the new Lord Chancellor, will be on the front bench to help in speeding the Bill.

Part one, reforming the extradition laws, is still to be approved, although the Government is expected to insist on sticking to its original proposals.

Other main issues which the Government will bring back at report stage include:

- Abolishing judge's recommendations for a minimum period for life sentences;
- tightening the right of customs and excise officials to carry out strip searches; and
- the admissibility as evidence of televised recordings of child abuse victims.

The Government has succeeded in getting through some of its most contentious clauses dealing with the abolition of the right for a defendant to challenge jurors without giving a reason and giving the Court of Appeal the power to replace so-called lenient sentences with harsher penalties.

Government is helping radiation research

The Government has commissioned research into the incidence of leukaemia among children living near nuclear power stations and is supporting other research, Lord Skelmersdale, Under Secretary of State for Health and Social Security, told peers.

Lord Jenkins of Putney (Lab) had asked what action the Government was taking after confirmation that rates of leukaemia among children at Aldermaston and Burghfield was more than double the national average.

Lord Skelmersdale said that the independent Committee on Medical Aspects of Radiation in the Environment had been established in 1985.

The Earl of Halsbury (Ind) said that clusters of leukaemia appeared in various parts of the country, such as Inverness, where there were no nuclear installations, yet in Cornwall, where the natural level of radiation was higher than would be authorized at a power station, there were no clusters of the disease.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Home Office; Prime Minister. Debate on Opposition motion: "The economic consequences of the collapse of the financial markets".

Lords (3): Farm Land and Rural Development Bill, second reading. Sunday Sports Bill, committee.

Scots MPs open war on Tories

By Martin Fletcher
Political Reporter

Scottish Labour MPs are to conduct a war of attrition against the Government for its refusal to consider a Scottish assembly.

Mr Donald Dewar, leader of the Scottish Labour MPs, told a meeting of the full parliamentary party yesterday that his members, who outnumber the Tories in Scotland by 50 to 10, would mount "a controlled and effective attack on this *Government and its work*".

The aim would be to keep ministers under constant pressure. There would be no cosy behind-the-scenes deals to simplify the life of the Government and its business managers.

There would be no filibustering, but Labour would make maximum use of the time allocated to Scottish affairs and there would be repeats of the 4am sitting last month. It would also force a vote on the Scottish Assembly Bill that it is shortly to introduce in the Commons.

Other key areas of attack would be against the poll tax and government plans for reforms of housing and education in Scotland.

However, Mr Dewar ruled out any deals with the Scottish nationalists.

Labour peers assemble poll tax and housing Bills team

By Our Political Staff

A team of six Labour peers, all with extensive local government experience, has been set up to fight two of the Government's biggest Bills this session dealing with the poll tax and housing reforms.

It will be headed by Lord McIntosh of Haringey, former leader of the Labour councillors on the GLC, who hands over the education brief to Lady David.

In addition, the new environment team will be able to call on the pool of four legal experts, *headed by Lord Elwyn-Jones*, the former Lord Chancellor, for their help.

Lord Cledwyn of Penrhos, leader of the Labour peers, announced his new front-bench spokesmen with an eye on the mass of contentious Government legislation coming up from the Commons next year.

He has brought in some of his new working peers for the first time, notably Lord Irvine of Lairg, QC, to speak on both home and legal affairs, Lord Carter on agriculture and Lord Peston on education and energy.

Another newcomer is Lady Ewart-Biggs, widow of the British ambassador murdered by the IRA. She joins three front-bench teams to speak on consumer affairs, overseas development, Sunday trading and betting.

Lady Turner of Camden, formerly deputy to Mr Clive Jenkins at the Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs (ASTMS) becomes *chief Opposition employment* spokesman, tackling the Government's trade union reforms.

Lord Cledwyn's list reflects his view that the Lords has a vital revising role as much of the legislation undergoes little or no scrutiny in the Commons because of the Government's use of the guillotine and its large majority.

Labour's front-bench spokesmen in the House of Lords are:

Agriculture, Food, Forestry and Fisheries: Lord John-Mackie, Lord Carter, Lord Gallacher.
Arts, Libraries, Heritage, Broadcasting and Cable: Lady Birk, Lord Jenkins of Putney.
Civil Service: Lord Ponsonby of Shulbrede.
Defence: Lord Irving of Dartford.
Education and Science: Lady David, Lord Peston.
Electoral Affairs: Lord Underhill.
Employment: Lady Turner of Camden, Lord MacCarthy, Lord Ponsonby of Shulbrede (tourism), Lord Wedderburn of Charlton.
Energy: Lord Stoddart of Swindon, Lord Peston.
Environment: Lord McIntosh of Haringey, Lady Birk, Lord Dean of Beswick, Lord Graham of Edmonton, Lady Nicol, Lord Stallard.
Foreign Affairs: Lord Cledwyn of Penrhos, Lady Ewart-Biggs.
Health: Lord Ennals, Lord Prys-Davies.
Home Office: Lord Mischon, Lord Elwyn-Jones, Lady Ewart-Biggs, Lord Irvine of Lairg.
Legal Affairs: Lord Elwyn-Jones, Lord Irvine of Lairg, Lord Mishcon, Lord Silkin of Dulwich.
Northern Ireland: Lord Prys-Davies, Lord Graham of Edmonton.
Scottish Office: Lord Carmichael of Kelvingrove, Lord Morton of Shuna.
Social Security: Lady Jeger, Lord Stallard, Lady Turner of Camden.
Trade and Industry: Lord Williams of Elvel, Lady Ewart-Biggs.
Transport: Lord Underhill, Lord Carmichael of Kelvingrove.
Treasury: Lord Bruce of Donington, Lord Williams of Elvel.
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Reform package is condemned as killer of council incentive

By David Walker, Public Administration Correspondent

The Government has been warned by the Audit Commission that its plans for schools and housing are killing off any incentive councils may have to manage their affairs more efficiently.

Mr Howard Davies, controller of the independent Audit Commission, has told ministers that there is an emerging conflict between their plans to let local schools opt out of council control and their pressure on councils to save money by cutting the number of school places in line with the shrinkage in pupil numbers.

He has also spoken of the Government's plan for housing action trusts to take over sections of council estates as a disincentive to councils to spend money on upkeep and refurbishment.

Mr Davies's warning comes after a report from the Audit Commission which examined the Government's education plans in detail and predicted that a "substantial" increase in public expenditure could result.

Under the Government's plans, schools that opt out of council control would receive grants directly from the Department of Education and Science. The Audit Commission said that as the numbers of pupils of secondary school age continued to fall, schools would have to be closed to stop educational costs rising. But the opting-out plans could result in more schools being kept open and unit costs rising significantly.

Mr Davies said that faced with the barrage of legislation on housing, schools and contracting out planned for this autumn, "some local authorities might be tempted to give up the search for efficiency".

"After all, they say, if central government has decided that local authorities are inefficient and unresponsive and therefore must have functions removed from them, why should they bother to try to set their house in order?"

Mr Davies emphasized that he did not condone this attitude on the part of councils but he wanted the Government to be aware that in some town halls people were asking why, if half empty schools can opt out, the council should bother trying to rationalize its spare school capacity.

"If large housing estates are taken away into housing action trusts, why worry about managing or maintaining them properly now? If councils are, in the long run, not going to own property, then housing departments might just as well be put on a care and maintenance basis."

Councils need to be encouraged, he has told ministers. They should make a clear statement of the value they attach to local democracy. "This would help to create a more constructive atmosphere in local government and thereby assist the reform process."

Right round the M25 for less than 60p



It cost Mr Karl Bowers just 57p to drive his home-built electric car all 125 miles round the M25 orbital motorway – the price of recharging its battery afterwards (Our Motor Industry Correspondent writes). Mr Bowers, an administration manager in London, drove the car, called the Duo, at an average speed of 45 mph, in spite of heavy traffic and the need for a tow up more than one hill after a battery fault slowed him down. He said: "My interest is to show what electric cars are really all about. The electric car is an ideal second family car." He admitted that he had never driven a Sinclair C5 electric three-wheel vehicle, commenting: "I thought it was a bit of a joke".

(Photograph: Harry Kerr).

Community care policy in need of 'radical measures'

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

Serious shortcomings in the Government's policy for caring for the elderly, the mentally handicapped and the mentally ill in the community rather than in institutions have been identified by the National Audit Office.

The audit office discloses in a critical report published yesterday the existence of inadequate arrangements for funding and monitoring of community care, slow progress in implementing the policy, and wide variations in the quality of support from local authorities.

It says that the Department of Health and Social Security (DHSS) is hampered by a lack of information on local authority plans for the development of community care and that this could result in "an undue concentration on the run down of NHS hospitals rather than the build up of community services".

It doubts whether the planned reductions in NHS hospital care and the development of proper community services can be achieved as scheduled by 1993-94.

The report suggests that Sir Roy Griffiths, who has been asked by the Government to review the operation of a community care policy affecting eight million people, should consider radical measures to remedy the problems.

Senior officials from the DHSS will be questioned on the report's findings by the all-party public accounts committee.

On funding, the audit office found that the DHSS had failed to establish the true cost of community care and had no machinery for monitoring the performance of local authorities.

It found that there were fundamental obstacles to effective joint planning of community services by health and local authorities, particularly because of differences in geography and management structure.

Serious problems were discovered in arrangements for transferring funds away from hospital beds towards community facilities with inadequate information on likely hospital savings raising the danger of institutional services being cut too quickly.

National Audit Office: Community Care Developments (Stationery Office. £5.80).

Law Society reforms

Solicitors urged to widen services

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Solicitors are urged to exploit new kinds of work, use "shop fronts" to promote their services and offer free advice clinics as part of a new survival plan for the 1990s to go before the Law Society council today.

The plan has been drawn up by a Law Society committee chaired by its president, Mr Derek Bradbeer, in the face of the increasing competition from building societies, banks, accountants and others.

"In order to thrive it will be necessary for the profession to increase office efficiency and profitability; to exploit new areas of work; and to make conveyancing and other procedures more efficient", it says.

Although the present economic climate appears to favour business expansion, the financial position of solicitors is not good, it says.

It points to comments in the *New Law Journal* recently that the "stark reality" of a profession employing more than 140,000 people in nearly 8,000 firms was that it generates a national average gross income of "a mere £16,000 per annum per person employed".

The plan urges solicitors to exploit new kinds of work as conveyancing becomes less profitable. These include: advising business clients and advising individuals on financial services, housing, welfare, immigration and European law.

Solicitors should make their services more accessible by using shop front premises and such ventures as free advice clinics and free, diagnostic interviews.

They should also make more use of pre-paid legal services plans for bodies such as trade unions.

A key part of the survival plan is the promotion of solicitors and their work, together with a wide-ranging review of solicitors' education and training.

The society's council is to "target" areas where complaints about solicitors arise so that appropriate training can be given, perhaps through the compulsory training programme.

On fees, guidance on written estimates for conveyancing work is to be improved. The plan also recommends that "the government, registrars and members of the public should be educated about the financial facts of running a solicitors' business" by means of leaflets and other outlets.

The plan says the society is also considering whether to keep the remuneration certificate, by which people can have a solicitors' fees assessed.

To encourage more people to become solicitors, several steps are outlined:

- Promoting the profession at schools and colleges. At present, only 50 per cent of law graduates become solicitors;
- Requesting the Government to provide mandatory grants for the vocational training year;
- Looking at ways to encourage women solicitors to return to work and to retrain solicitors in new fields of work.

Swiss buy £10m pilot simulator

By Harvey Elliott
Air Correspondent

The Swiss air force has bought a revolutionary British flight simulator which could reduce dangerous low-altitude flying.

The £10 million simulator, built by Rediffusion at Crawley, West Sussex, has attracted world-wide interest. The West German air force, which is under increasing pressure to cut high-noise low flying, is to visit Crawley later this month to study the system.

The RAF is under increasing political and environmental pressure also to reduce the number of low-altitude training runs because of concern at the amount and cost of accidents arising from the exercises.

The simulator, designed for the British Aerospace Hawk trainer, under order for the Swiss, contains computer-created images of more than 16,000 square miles of Swiss countryside.

The computer displays night-and-day images of airfields, take-offs and landings and airborne manoeuvres.

The simulator itself remains static but changes in the G-suit worn by the pilot reproduce effects such as tight turns and descents. Another aircraft on the screen is controlled by an instructor to practice formation flying.

The RAF has ordered a simulator with similar capabilities for its Harrier GR3 squadrons. Less complex equipment is used widely by civil airlines.

Crime prevention

Protection built into homes

By Peter Davenport

A burglar alarm may not be the best solution to household break-ins, according to this month's issue of the Consumers' Association magazine, *Which?*.

Other security measures, such as special door and window locks, are likely to be cheaper and just as effective, the magazine suggests.

In tests on do-it-yourself burglar alarms, likely to cost about £150 for a three-bedroom house, *Which?* found that several had electrical safety faults and that instructions were not always clear or comprehensive.

One of the country's largest housebuilders is sponsoring neighbourhood watch schemes on all the new estates it builds, a crime prevention conference was told yesterday.

The company, Bellway Homes, said it was also building in the concept of "defensible space" as a deterrent to burglars in all its inner city building schemes around the country, which total about £100 million.

The company's schemes include the redevelopment of a former shipyard on the Tyne which is the subject of the largest government-aided urban programme.

The conference, called Design against Crime, was held in Tynemouth to highlight the success of anti-crime measures on two north Tyneside estates, Killingworth and Longbenton.

It was attended by Mr John Patten, Minister of State at the Home Office, and representatives from 45 police forces, private builders and local authorities.

The same day Mr Patten visited the two estates, where a project involving 15 local agencies, co-ordinated by a senior police officer, has succeeded in reducing crime statistics and improving the daily lives and living conditions of the 20,000 residents in the 7,000 homes on the two estates.

At the end of 18 months, burglaries of homes were down 23 per cent; break-ins at non-residential premises down 51 per cent and thefts of vehicles down 23 per cent, with substantial decreases in criminal damage.

The project was one of five across the country, two of which are still to submit final reports. The results have taken even Home Office officials by surprise.

The project on the two estates involved the redesign of existing properties to make them more secure and the enhancement of the local environment to discourage criminals. It was funded by the local authority and the Department of the Environment.

The methods used are to be recommended to other areas of the country and will be highlighted by Mr Patten as a way forward at a Council of Europe conference on crime prevention to be held in Barcelona next month.

On his visit to Killingworth and Longbenton yesterday, Mr Patten said it was the Government's intent that all future developments should be designed to defeat the criminal.

Mr Patten said parts of the Killingworth estate, which is being demolished, was "worse than Broadwater Farm", the north London estate which was the scene of bitter rioting.

He said it was an example of the worst mistakes of the planning aspirations of the sixties, depressing to live in and a nightmare to police.

Mr Patten said that the Government had opened a "second front" in the fight against rising crime in its backing for crime prevention.

The new National Crime Prevention Organization, based partly on successful measures introduced in France, would be detailed before Christmas and in operation by April next year. In January the Government would begin an £11.5 million advertising drive against crime prevention to last three years, the largest undertaken.

It also continued to back, he said, the creation of neighbourhood watch schemes. Today Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, will tell Parliament that there are now 42,000 such schemes in operation around the country compared with 200 five years ago.

The upgrading of existing housing estates to include extra security measures was part of the guidelines for grants by the Department of the Environment's Estate Action programme which will spend some £75 million in the coming year.

Mr Patten said yesterday: "Too many houses and flats have been designed, built and purchased which are quite simply 'burglar friendly'. Designing against crime is an important first step towards protecting the potential victim.

"Designers must recognize that they are not engaged solely in an attempt to beat the criminal but that they are playing a vital role in reducing the number of victims of crime."

Sir Stanley Bailey, Chief Constable of Northumbria police, said the scheme on north Tyneside had been so successful that it was to be introduced throughout the force's area.

Mercy flight baby 'well'

A four-day-old girl who was flown from Cyprus by the Royal Air Force yesterday was "doing well" last night at the special child care unit at the Cambridge Military Hospital at Aldershot, Hampshire.

Felicity Norman, daughter of a British Army sergeant, was suffering from severe jaundice and other complications. She was flown to Heathrow in an incubator on a special RAF VC10 flight.

£6,000 find

Children found £6,000 while breaking up a cabinet in a field near their homes in Cossack Avenue, Warrington, Cheshire. The cash will belong to the children if not claimed in 28 days.

Birds appeal

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds has launched a £100,000 storm appeal to help with the restoration of reserves devastated by the recent hurricane winds in the south of England.

Police guard for gun amnesty rector

By Peter Evans
Home Affairs Correspondent

A country rector will get a police guard at a remembrance service on Sunday after appealing to parishioners to surrender their firearms in church.

The Rev Roger Smith, rector of five parishes near Eye in Suffolk, has been warned by police he could fall foul of the gun laws with his amnesty.

A spokesman said: "Any move that cuts down the number of guns in circulation is welcome. But, if firearms are surrendered to the rector in church, he could be in danger of committing an offence by being in possession of guns without a firearms certificate.

"We would prefer weapons to be surrendered at local police stations rather than at local churches."

Mr Smith said: "I am a pacifist and so I am against the glorification of guns and war. If any weapons are handed in I will make arrangements for them to be destroyed."

He said he had nothing against remembrance day and would be conducting a traditional service. "But after the terrible Hungerford tragedy I felt I ought to do something."

He was prepared to receive weapons such as shotguns if people wished to deposit them with him. He said he intended to sit in church at Metfield remembering the victims of violence, not least the people of Hungerford.

"In 99 cases out of 100 there is no healthy reason why people should possess guns", he said. He would be willing to receive the odd surface-to-air missile, but expected a mixture of guns, toy replicas and war games.

- The appeal fund office in Hungerford, set up after the August massacre in which 16 people died, will close tomorrow. Mr Peter Dolphin, chairman of the fund's trustees, said: "The office has done a marvellous job but, after all their efforts, the people of Hungerford should be allowed to put the terrible events of the summer behind them."

Donations exceed £1 million and £100,000 has already been paid out to victims' families. If there is money remaining after all disbursements have been made, it may be spent on a memorial to those who died in Hungerford.

Police Constable Trevor Wainwright, whose father was killed in the massacre, is organizing a charity run in the town later this month to raise money for the victims.



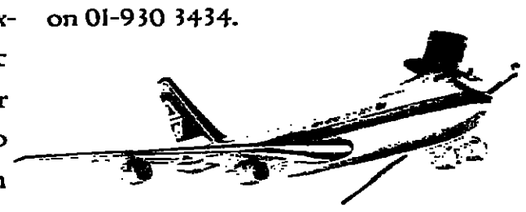
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WORLD SUMMARY

Fan goes wild in Belgian prison

Brussels — Belgian police placed men on standby for renewed prison riots after a British football fan ran amok in Louvain jail, smashing his cell and tearing a water pipe out of the wall (Jonathan Braude writes). A prison officer who tried to calm him was attacked with a knife.

Placed on his own, the man set light to his mattress, destroying his bed and much of his cell. The authorities called in the police and the fire brigade. It took four policemen and two firemen to overpower the fan, who was still carrying the knife he had wielded in his earlier attack. The prison authorities, who would not name the fan, said they did not know what sparked his outburst.

Later today, the courts will review the remand order against the 22 Britons still in Louvain prison. But a Brussels lawyer representing one of the fans said he believed the judge would not release any of the men. "They are more likely to be released next week on appeal, if they are released at all," he said.

Poll loser enraged

New York — However grudgingly, Philadelphia's blacks appear to have succeeded in sending the hapless Mayor, Mr Wilson Goode, back to city hall for four more years (Christopher Thomas writes). The outcome is so close his white opponent may mount a legal challenge.

Voters split on racial lines with few white faces to be seen among Goode supporters in weeks of fierce campaigning. Mr Frank Rizzo, a burly former police chief who was Mayor in the 1970s, raged, as results came in, that there was skulduggery at work.

Leaders seek thaw

Kathmandu — India and Pakistan will hold a series of diplomatic meetings starting next month to try to normalize relations (A Correspondent writes).

The talks were agreed by the two Prime Ministers, Mr Rajiv Gandhi and Mr *Mohammad Khan Junejo, at* a private meeting yesterday morning on the fringe of the summit of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation. The three-day summit concluded with the seven nations agreeing to a regional anti-terrorism pact and setting up a 200,000 ton emergency food reserve.

Aids transfusion alert

Los Angeles — About 50,000 patients in the San Francisco area who have received transfusions over a seven-year period are being advised to be tested for Aids in case they received tainted blood from four banks, one of which accounted for 69 of the approximately 1,000 transfusion-related Aids cases reported nationally (Ivor Davis writes).

When the news broke that one hospital had notified its patients and three others planned to write to patients after Christmas, *hospital switchboards were bombarded with* hundreds of calls. The development, it was perceived, might force hospitals across the United States to decide if they *have a similar obligation to notify their transfusion patients* and offer free antibody testing for the disease.

Banker charged

Nairobi (Reuter) — A third senior executive of Kenya's Bank of Credit and Commerce International (Overseas) (BCCI) has been arrested in connection with a $34 million foreign exchange scandal.

Mr Shehadzir Alamgir Shah, manager of BCCI's main Nairobi branch, appeared in court on Tuesday charged with failing to remit more than $34 million in foreign exchange earnings from coffee exports this year.

Two other BCCI managers appeared in court on similar charges on Monday.

Blacks evicted

Johannesburg — About 50 black and Coloured (mixed race) families have been evicted at night from flats in a "mixed area" of central Johannesburg (Ray Kennedy writes). Although police looked on, *government sources denied* yesterday they were involved.

The evictions in Hillbrow came after a company which owned the block of flats obtained a court order against another company responsible for collecting rent. The sources said the authorities would not intervene in disputes between landlords and tenants.

Europe links up with a 'thinking' credit card

From Richard Owen
Brussels

After the European Currency Unit (ECU) coin, the electronic ECU credit card. The first World ECU Symposium, held in Antwerp, has just ended with a plan to launch the little-used ECU Visa card as "smart plastic" — a European credit card with a memory.

The ECU credit card, which has the initials ECU on it surrounded by 12 gold stars, is part of a campaign to persuade EEC citizens to use the ECU as the Community approaches full economic integration in 1992. Mr Fernand Rau, director of the Crédit Européen in Luxembourg — the bank which launched the ECU Visa card — said new electronic cards could at last make Europeans "familiar with the ECU in everyday life".

Under the present scheme (the Crédit Européen declines to say how many have taken it up), you sign the shop or restaurant bill in your local currency but settle your account in Luxembourg in ECUs. The ECU is a "basket" of EEC currencies, and the current sterling rate is 70 ECUs to the pound.

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How a round trip of Europe can lose money at the border exchanges:

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Ireland	£100	105 punts	£100
Portugal	105 punts	2800 escudos	£98.32
Spain	2800 escudos	17,700 pesetas	£91.84
France	17,700 pesetas	800 francs	£85.45
Italy	800 francs	166,500 lira	£84.05
Greece	166,500 lira	16,650 drachma	£83.96
Belgium	16,650 drachma	3,950 francs	£66.44
Netherlands	3950 francs	205 guilders	£63.47
W Germany	205 guilders	175 deutschmarks	£61.19
Denmark	175 deutschmarks	640 kroner	£59.26
Britain	640 kroner	£55.50	£55.50

Exercise done by Mr Ben Patterson, Conservative Euro-MP for Kent West.

The ECU (also the name, as it happens, of a 16th-century French coin) began as a gleam in the eye of Brussels visionaries, and its use as a common currency is a distant goal. But it is slowly gaining acceptance in the banking world, if not among consumers and shoppers. The symposium — attended by senior bankers, *company executives and* government officials, and organized by the fast-growing ECU Banking Association — is seen as a further step in "European monetary integration".

The push for a common currency is welcomed by Euro-MPs, who maintain that dealing in 12 national currencies is both costly and cumbersome. Mr Ben Patterson, Conservative MEP for Kent West, has proved — to his own satisfaction, at least — that using the ECU would save travellers and businessmen a great deal of money. Starting with £100, he "changed" money in telephone transactions with each of the 12 EEC states successively, ending up with only £55.50, just over half the original sum.

"People are staggered when I tell them," he said. "You lose on commission, you lose because *bureaux de change* do not accept coins, and you lose because of exchange rates."

Belgium issued the first gold and silver ECU coins earlier this year. The ECU is already used in all EEC calculations, money markets deal in ECU Eurobonds, and many banks offer ECU travellers' cheques.

On the other hand, when it comes to everyday reality, most people have little idea what an ECU is, and most shops, hotels and restaurants have never heard of it. As Mr Rau complained to the Antwerp conference this week, the ECU coin is only legal tender within Belgium (and largely regarded as a collector's item).

But Mr Rau believes the moment for ECU plastic money has come. His bank is preparing ECU "smart cards" of the kind already in use in France, which not only debit your account directly from supermarket checkouts or petrol station forecourts, but also have a built-in memory to record transactions.

For many bankers, the main drawback to a common currency remains the lack of a European central bank or clearing house dealing in ECUs.

As both Mr Martin Edwards, of the National Westminster Bank, and M Thierry Coussieu, of the Banque Nationale de Paris, told the Antwerp conference, the ECU is not yet a "real currency". It must not only be used as a reserve currency, a unit of account and a means of payment — all of which are gradually coming about — it must also be backed by a central bank which would provide currency stability free of dollar fluctuations.

To this, many EEC officials add a further condition: the full entry of sterling into the European Monetary System. Financial experts in Brussels predict that this will occur by the time of completion of the internal market in 1992 — and probably before.

Whether the average High Street customer will have accepted ECUs by then, or will still be clinging to pounds, marks and francs (despite losses in currency exchanges), is another matter.

Mr Patterson suggested yesterday that, as a first step, the ECU should be used as a "parallel currency" alongside traditional national currencies, to enable Europeans to get used to it.

Spain rejects US offer as talks resume on air bases

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

United States and Spanish *negotiating teams will today* begin a seventh round of talks on the future of American bases in Spain, with Madrid continuing to insist that all 72 F16 jet fighters of the US Air Force's tactical wing must be withdrawn from the Torrejón base just outside the capital.

Señor Narcis Serra, the Spanish Defence Minister, has rejected what he none the less recognized as a modification of the American negotiating position.

"Unfortunately, the modification is still not sufficient for the Spanish Government to accept," he told Spanish reporters in California early yesterday after seeing Mr Caspar Weinberger, the US Defence Secretary, on the sidelines of a Nato ministerial meeting.

*Señor Serra and Mr Wein*berger reportedly spoke about



an American offer to remove the 72 F16s from Torrejón, the vulnerable target of frequent protest demonstrations by Spanish anti-Nato groups, to the Morón base in Andalusia and to couple this with a "substantial" reduction in the number of US personnel in Spain.

But Señor Felipe González, the Spanish Prime Minister, who yesterday sent Señor Francisco Fernández, the Foreign Minister, who was *accompanying him on a Latin* American visit, back to Madrid to supervise today's talks, had already rejected the Morón proposal last spring.

Señor Fernández has already anticipated the likely outcome of the two days of talks in Madrid and will be serving notice next week that the five-year-old bilateral defence agreement, which provides the framework for *American bases in Spain, will* not be automatically renewed.

At the heart of the dispute is the *unwillingness of Spain's* Socialist Government to allow America to use Spanish facilities for missions outside Nato's European theatre of operations.

Madrid insists that the five KC135 refuelling tanker jets at the US air base at Saragossa, used in the April, 1986, strike against Libya, must also go.

Everyone in Spain knows that a large element of shadow-boxing is involved in the dispute over the bases, which were originally given to the Americans by the Franco regime.

Señor González is using the March, 1986, referendum on Nato to justify his Government's stubborn stand. But the referendum text envisaged only a "progressive reduction" of the US military *presence in Spain*, and the Government cannot honestly claim any popular mandate for specific reductions.

That leaves the way open for a compromise before the *start next May of the one-year* rundown period for the bases envisaged under the 1982 bilateral agreement.

Many Spaniards would be uneasy if the Americans did *actually leave, and so im*portant a non-Socialist Spanish political leader as Señor Jordi Pujol, the Chief Minister of Catalonia, has declared that cutting down the bases would not be in Spain's own interest.

The Nato referendum also barred nuclear weapons from Spanish soil, and the Torrejón F16s would in a crisis pick up their nuclear bombs in either Turkey or Italy.

Last week's Western European Union stand on the "irreplaceable role" of US conventional and nuclear weapons in Europe's defence went down badly in Madrid, underlining how out of step Spain now is with its Nato allies in the light of the Euro*missiles withdrawal.*

Sources in the Spanish Government yesterday expressed fierce opposition to possible future Nato thinking about locating American F1*-11 bombers, equipped with* nuclear arms, on Spanish soil.

Prince jokes about his Bavarian link



The Princess of Wales smiling her congratulations to Prince Charles after he delivered a speech before signing the Golden Book in the State Chancellery, Munich, yesterday. All attempts by the Royal Family to play down its German ancestry went out of the window when the couple arrived for a two-day visit (Alan Hamilton writes). They were met at the airport by Herr Franz-Josef Strauss, the Bavarian Prime Minister, and lunched with Prince Franz of Bavaria, a distant relative. The Prince of Wales admitted: "Were it not for the Act of Settlement passed in the British Parliament in 1701, the present head of the Royal House of Bavaria would probably have a better claim to the British throne than myself."

Libyans lap up Malta's dolce vita

From Roger Boyes, Valletta

Twice a week Libya invades Malta. The Maltese traders hit the Libyans as soon as they come off the ferry and the hundreds of tourists, taking a respite from Colonel Gadaffi's Islamic Republic, soon resemble clothes-stands draped *with shopping bags. Birdcages,* carpets, disposable nappies, tinned food and chewing gum *are snapped up; there seem to* be bottomless shortages across the water.

*Malta, under the new, mod*erate Government of Dr Eddie Fenech Adami, is still on remarkably intimate terms with Libya. Long-term residents say it has a similar relationship with Tripoli to that Finland has with the Soviet Union — a closeness dictated by geography and economic need.

For Libyans, Malta is simply the only place to go which offers reasonable consumer delights (including sensible woolly Marks & Spencer *cardigans, Hornby train-sets* and muffins) a touch of alcohol and sin, and a minimum of visa problems.

Everywhere else in Europe (and indeed in North Africa) Libyans are regarded with great suspicion. In Malta they enter on the same terms as European Community citizens, simply flashing their identity cards.

When one looks into the Malta-Libyan arms connections, the ferries are the natural starting point. Two ferries have roll-on, roll-off cargo capacity. A third Libyan liner also has a helicopter pad. Together they transport more than 1,000 Libyans a week in and out of Malta. But Valletta's Grand Harbour is about as private as a Chelsea wine bar on Friday night: any trans-shipment would be noticed immediately. Even so, it is interesting to follow the Libyans as they come ashore.

Apart from those on consumer safaris, there are young men with cropped hair just back from, or just about to go to, the battlefront in Chad. Others, equally fit, are coming *to Malta to learn English for* unspecified reasons.

The lack of passport controls on the Libyans make it an ideal rendezvous point for the men from Tripoli and sympathetic "liberation" groups, including, presumably, the IRA. Colonel Gadaffi has already made clear that his abhorrence of terrorism does not extend to the "progressive freedom fighters" of the Irish Republican Army.

They meet, it is said, in a Libyan-owned hotel, the *Jerma Palace in Marsascala. A* picture of the colonel decorates the foyer, and it is rumoured that there is a hideaway for him in the hotel, should things get rough at home.

Dr Fenech Adami's Government has a difficult task. He wants to build bridges with the West, especially the EEC and the US, but he cannot afford to sever the Libyan connection.

Meanwhile, Libya is using Malta as its bridgehead to Europe. So far, under the Fenech Adami Government, it has been discreet. The Libyan attitude under the previous Labour Government had become rather cavalier — Libyans unloading suspiciously large crates would claim diplomatic immunity. Last year a large cargo of guns in the Libyan ship Ghata put into Valletta.

But Malta's economic need is great. Six hundred Maltese — and potentially as many as 2,000 — are employed in Libya. Libyan oil, refined in Sardinia, fuels the economy and Tripoli is a natural destination for Maltese exports.

The volume of trade is still small compared to that with Britain. But Libya knows it can make or break a Maltese Government that is ruling with such a thin parliamentary margin. Diplomats say the colonel can, and does, dangle the prospect of new investment and then slip in his conditions.

An important step towards boosting Western confidence in Malta was to renounce the "exchange of information" clause in its military agreement with Tripoli. The uniforms of the soldiers around the Grand Master's Palace — facing the Libyan Cultural Centre — are still modelled on the British, rather than the Colonel Gadaffi designs.

Bonn may harden laws on rallies

From John England, Bonn

The West German Government is considering sharpening the laws governing demonstrations, including making the wearing of masks a crime, after the shooting of two policemen by masked demonstrators at Frankfurt airport on Monday.

After the Cabinet yesterday discussed the murders, Herr Friedhelm Ost, the chief government spokesman, said that police equipment would be reviewed and the establishment of a federal border guards operational reserve unit considered.

The Cabinet would discuss the plans again early next month, and possibly take decisions on them then.

Parliament will debate the killings today when Herr Friedrich Zimmermann, the Interior Minister, is expected to give a report on the murder investigation. Police yesterday continued to question a man arrested during raids on several homes in and near Frankfurt on Tuesday. Police described him as their prime *suspect after a stolen 9 mm* police pistol, which police said was used to kill one of the two officers, was found in his flat.

Identified as Herr Andreas Eichler, aged 33, he is believed to be a member of the militant and anarchist "autonomous groups", whose 3,000 estimated members go into battle against the police wearing masks and crash helmets.

Weary Nicaragua prays for end to war

From Charles Bremner
Managua

Major Rosa Pasas, a Sandinista army officer with striking looks, stands beside her boss, the Defence Minister, Señor Humberto Ortega, as he passionately denounces one of his own staff for defecting to the Americans.

A thousand miles north-east, Major Pasas's sister, Martta, is briefing journalists from the other side, as spokesman for the Contra rebels whose forces are fighting to destroy the Sandinistas.

Nicaragua's civil war, *fought with* only a brief break for the past decade, has touched nearly every family and turned what for many was always a difficult struggle for existence into a desperate one.

Such is the weariness of war that just about the whole of Nicaragua, from the Church to the Sandinista troops, seems to be praying today — the deadline for a ceasefire — that the Guatemalan peace accord will work. Since the Contra conflict flared in 1981, two years after the Sandinistas led a popular uprising to power, more than 30,000 people have died.

In Moscow this week, three days before the ceasefire's deadline, President Ortega told the Russians that, taking into account Nicaragua's three million population, the equivalent casualties for the United States would be two and a half million dead. On top of that, hundreds of thousands have fled the country, including much of the middle class who have taken their skills to Miami, New York, Costa Rica and California.

As usual the biggest casualties have been the peasants: many have died in *the deadly Contra-Sandinista* crossfire, many have sons and fathers fighting on opposing sides, many have been uprooted to government cooperatives, where they are treated as military targets by the Contras.

The devastation of war is everywhere, including the capital. "We have just had enough," says a neatly dressed elderly woman, who has stopped a foreigner to offer to change money at black market rates. "I have to visit my son and I have no dollars to go." The *local currency is inflating at about* 2,000 per cent.

The poverty is striking, even by Latin American standards. The war effort has prevented rebuilding, and decay is everywhere. It has created severe *shortages in everything from* soap to rice.

Pigs and cattle graze on the streets of the capital. Petrol is so scarce that if you call the police to an emergency they often ask you to come and get them. "Then they ask you to drive them back to the station," explains a local.

Señor Roger Guevara, a 37-year-old lawyer who opposes the Sandinistas, wonders out loud why he has not left for more hospitable climes. "They say, why didn't you go away. But this is my home. Nicaragua is my family."

Señor Guevara, who works part-time as secretary to the committee that co-ordinates the non-military opposition parties, describes his 10 days in an underground cell in Managua's El Chipotle jail. "I was teaching international law. They didn't like what I was doing".

Several thousand political prisoners are held in El Chipotle and elsewhere, the Government's opponents claim, *though the Sandinistas say there are* only war and common criminals. The mothers of political prisoners have *taken to demonstrating on the streets.*

Nicaragua's size means the war is in many ways a family quarrel. It is widely known, for example, that President Ortega's mother, who is from the same town as Cardinal Obando y Bravo, tries to sway her son towards concessions to the Catholic Church.

The most remarkable case of family division is the Chamorro family. Pedro Joaquin was the publisher of the newspaper *La Prensa* whose assassination by agents of the dictator, *Anastasio Somoza, unleashed* the popular uprising a decade ago. Now his widow, brothers, sisters and in-laws are *spread across the spectrum.* His widow, Violeta, has just been allowed to reopen the newspaper under the editorship of his brother, Jaime. The Sandinistas had closed it down.

A hundred yards from *La Prensa*, the pro-government *Nuevo Diario* is edited by another brother, Xavier. Another of their relatives edits the official daily, *Barricada*, and a nephew runs the exiled weekly, *Nicaragua Hoy*, from Costa Rica.

So far the ungagging of *La Prensa* has been the most visible concession by the Sandinistas under the Guatemala accord. The newspaper has been screening its opposition to the Sandinistas, as if each edition could be its last.

● MOSCOW: A widely advertised press conference, scheduled yesterday by President Ortega, who is here for the celebrations of the 70th anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution, was cancelled at the last moment with the excuse that he was too busy to attend. No further explanation was given.

North testifies to grand jury

Washington** — Lieutenant-Colonel* **Oliver North appeared yesterday before a grand jury here investigating his *role in organizing the sale of US arms* to Iran and diverting the profits to the Nicaraguan Contra rebels (Michael *Binyon writes).

He began his testimony after a public squabble outside the grand jury room between *Mr Brendan Sullivan,* his combative defence lawyer, and a prosecutor working for Mr Lawrence Walsh, the independent counsel.

Colonel North has been fighting a **subpoena issued by Mr Walsh's office earlier this year seeking a sample of *his handwriting. But after several*** **court challenges to Mr Walsh's authority, a Federal Appeals Court upheld the validity of the subpoena. Mr Sullivan indicated that he would appeal to the Supreme Court.**

If a grand jury believes there is a case to answer, Colonel North will be indicted and sent for trial.

Emergency action by EEC to counter locust invasion

By Alexander Johnson

The European Community yesterday took emergency measures to combat huge swarms of locusts which have moved across the Sahara from *Chad, Niger and Sudan into* Algeria and Morocco. The insects have even been reported in Spain.

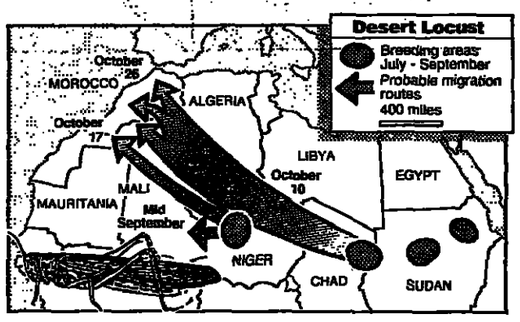
The Food and Agriculture Organization says that they are the largest swarms for 20 years and could reach Britain next year if no action is taken.

The European Commission has allocated $562,000 of aid to Morocco, where 100,000 hectares (250,000 acres) of land are currently under occupation by the swarms.

According to Dr Rasik Skaf, senior locust officer in the FAO in Rome, one reason for *the sudden upsurge is the civil* war in Chad, which has made control of the insects impossible *since breeding-grounds* are now inaccessible.

The locusts have also benefited from exceptional rainfall in Chad, Niger and Mali during their breeding season of July-October. In Mali the rains have been so late that the locusts are still breeding.

Dr Skaf says that the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is responsible for bullying countries like Chad into "throwing away the only means of avoiding such an upsurge", by banning the insecticide dieldrin, said to be environmentally hazardous.



The desert locust, *Schistocera gregaria*, is the same menace that destroyed the wealth of biblical Egypt. As many as three generations can be born in one breeding season, with only two months elapsing "from egg to egg".

There are five swarms in Algeria, covering hundreds of square miles. In Morocco alone there are estimated to be 50 billion locusts.

The present danger is that the swarms now in Algeria and Morocco will survive attempts to exterminate them until the locust breeding season for that part of Africa — February to March. The ensuing population boom would result in massive migration to Africa's other Mediterranean countries, and possibly Spain and Britain, though on a much smaller scale.

The FAO is confident that Morocco, with 12 locust-spraying aircraft and helped by yesterday's EEC aid, will be able to deal effectively with the onslaught.

But the situation in Algeria is more worrying, and Dr Skaf says that "as long as the present situation in Chad and the ban on dieldrin continue, it will be impossible to prevent the plague".

Soviet historian in call to reassess invasion of Prague

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

A leading official Soviet historian yesterday called for a reassessment of the Soviet-led invasion of Czechoslovakia in August, 1968, and the enforced ending of the period of liberalization there known as the "Prague spring".

The call, said by diplomats to be the first of its kind heard from an official platform, came from Mr Georgi Smirnov, the director of the Communist Party's Institute of Marxism-Leninism, who hinted that he disapproved of the decision to invade.

Meanwhile, Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, yesterday called for renewal in the Communist movement and pledged that the Soviet Union would no longer dictate policy to its allies. He made the call in a speech to foreign delegates attending the celebrations marking the 70th anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution.

In sharp contrast to previous leaders who have sought absolute uniformity to Kremlin views, the Soviet leader attacked what he termed the "arrogance of omniscience", adding: "It speaks of a tenacious habit of rejecting other points of view out of hand. Here there can be no dialogue, no productive discussion and, worst of all, the cause suffers."

Mr Smirnov's unexpected announcement came during a press conference at the Soviet Foreign Ministry, called to assess the historical sections of Mr Gorbachov's keynote speech on Monday, launching the celebrations.

Previous reference to Soviet history during the celebrations had concentrated on the need to review the period of Stalin's purges. Until Mr Smirnov's intervention, the question of the Soviet Union's historical relationship with its East European allies had not received more than a passing mention.

Mr Smirnov made his call in answer to a Japanese reporter who asked whether in the light of *perestroika* and *glasnost* the question of the invasion, widely condemned in the West, should be open to fresh inspection.

"It needs assessment anew," Mr Smirnov replied. "I think there is a need to think over the events, the intervention, but I must not take upon myself the decision to answer on political and scientific issues."

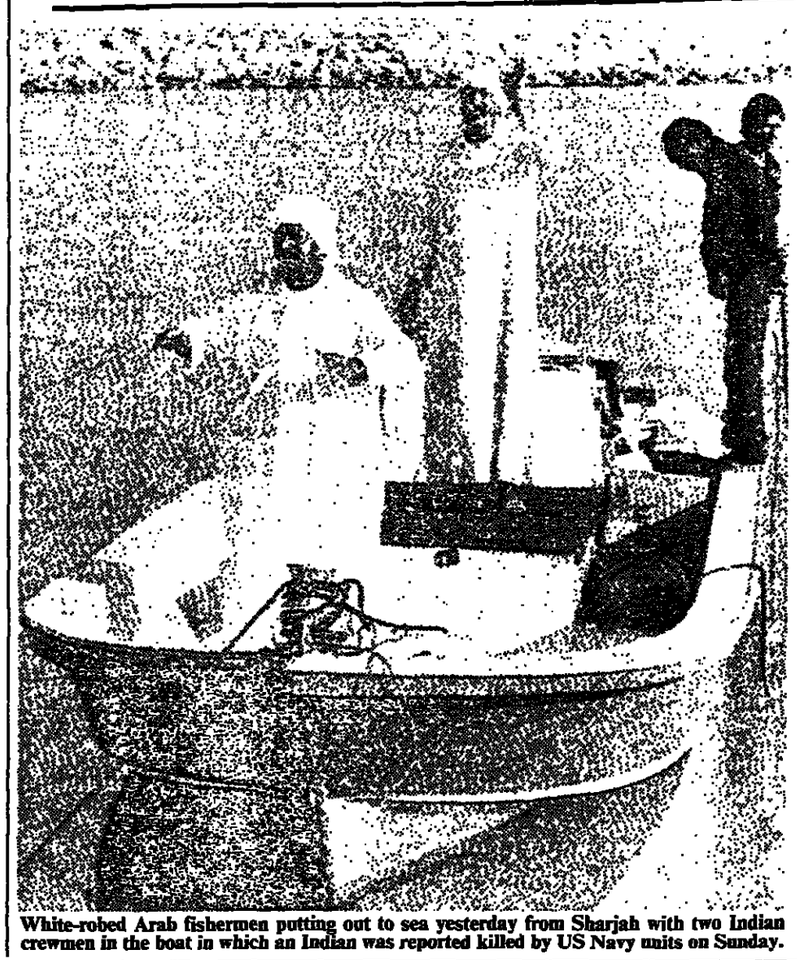
The party historian then added, in a remark widely interpreted by diplomats present to mean that he personally disapproved of the order to send the tanks into Prague: "I cannot give you a categorical answer. Although I personally have my view, I cannot share it with you."

As a result of the invasion, the reformist Czechoslovak leader, Mr Alexander Dubcek, was replaced by a hardliner, Mr Gustav Husak.

Mr Smirnov's remarks were seen as indicating growing pressure from official historians for an opportunity to reappraise the more recent events in Soviet history, as well as those connected with the immediate post-revolutionary period and the era of Stalin's dictatorship. "The 1956 invasion of Hungary is another obvious candidate for some new historical thinking," one diplomat said.

Moscow — Leonid Brezhnev, the former Soviet leader, was condemned yesterday as a medal-lover who fell for praise from toadies and lost contact with reality (*Reuter reports*). The bitter assessment by Mr Daniil Granin, a leading writer, appeared in the weekly *Moscow News* in a brief article reviewing the 1970s.

Looking to a future with Iran after the foreign navies go



White-robed Arab fishermen putting out to sea yesterday from Sharjah with two Indian crewmen in the boat in which an Indian was reported killed by US Navy units on Sunday.

Syria facing threat over war aid to Tehran

By Hazhir Teimourian

At a time of acute financial hardship, which forced the resignation on Saturday of the Government of Mr Abdel-Rauf al-Kasm, Syria has been served notice by one of its main Arab financiers that it can no longer expect aid if it continues to support Iran's war effort against Iraq.

Kuwaiti leaders said on Monday that they were prepared to stop their annual grant of $50 million (£29 million) to Damascus if President Assad did not change sides at Sunday's extraordinary summit of Arab leaders in Amman.

The decision's main significance lay in the indication that the Kuwaitis spoke also for Saudi Arabia, which provides an outright annual grant of $450 million to Damascus. The flow of aid from the Saudi Development Fund would also stop, and Syria's debts to both countries would not be rescheduled.

The grants were agreed at the Arab summit of 1978 as part of their aid to the states directly confronting Israel. But only Saudi Arabia and Kuwait have been faithful to their promises.

Syria also owes an estimated $15 billion to non-Arab sources, mainly the Soviet Union, though some believe the figure to be exaggerated. The Soviet debt is reported to have been rescheduled for another three years when President Assad visited Moscow in the Spring, but not before he was "shaken" by Mr Mikhail Gorbachov's accusation that he was not paying enough attention to Soviet interests in the Middle East.

Mr Gorbachov is quoted by sources in Damascus as saying that on the Palestinian scene "there is no one but Arafat, and in the Gulf frankly the right-wing monarchies are preferable to the mullahs in Tehran".

In return for its pro-Iranian stance, Syria receives an annual gift of one million tonnes of free oil from Iran, and buys more at large discounts. Nor does it have to settle its debts promptly. It is believed that the Iranian Prime Minister, Mr Mir-Husain Mousavi, who visited Damascus last week, gave the Syrians another 18 months to service the $3 billion debt. Iran is not thought to be in a position to replace the threatened aid from Kuwait and Saudi Arabia.

President Assad has indicated that he has no intention of deserting the regime of Ayatollah Khomeini completely on Sunday by concurring with demands to sever diplomatic ties. But this may, at this stage of play, be part of the pre-conference bargaining relayed through the host, King Husain of Jordan.

There are strong suggestions that President Assad may soon travel to Tehran for the first time to plead with the Ayatollah to end the war.

● **Hostage day:** Demonstrations were held throughout Iran yesterday to mark the eighth anniversary of the day in 1979 when 52 American diplomats were taken hostage by Islamic zealots and held for 444 days.

Dismay in Amman

Amman (Reuter) — The decision by Saudi Arabia's King Fahd, right, to stay away from next Sunday's Arab summit has dismayed the host, Jordan, and Iraq's allies, jeopardizing their hopes of rallying Arab waverers against Iran, diplomats said.

A Saudi diplomat said the King decided not to come to Amman partly for health reasons, but also to signal his irritation with states — mainly Syria — who oppose tough action against Iran.

King Fahd's son, Crown Prince Abdullah, will lead the Saudi delegation.



US kept at arm's length in Gulf

From Robert Fisk, Dubai

On a normal day, you can see three American warships nestling beside each other at the Bahrain quayside. US naval vessels regularly put into the ports of Dubai and Abu Dhabi. American vessels move into Omani waters without any attempt to hide their identity. Everyone knows — or is supposed to know — that the Arab states support Washington's operations in the Gulf.

But on shore, in the cheaper hotel bars and along the beaches, in the noisier clubs, there is not a uniform to be seen, not American, British, French or that of any other of the foreign navies which now patrol the Gulf. The rule is unwritten but clearly understood, stated orally by Arab ministers in Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates and Oman to the embassies of the nations involved: military personnel must not wear any identifying clothes and must not even admit privately, at least not to strangers, that they are navy men.

● In the bars and clubs there is not a uniform to be seen ●

So you have to look for crewcuts and nautical tattoos along the waterfront to spot the representatives of the greatest naval armada the Gulf has seen.

Such unusual discretion is an accurate enough symbol of the ambiguities — cynics might say ambivalence — of the Arab Gulf states towards the Western powers who are supposed to be protecting them from the wrath of Iran. Most of them certainly approve of the American presence and enjoy the confidence which this gives them. Privately, Arab ministers express their delight at President Reagan's military retaliation against Iran.

But they also remember the walk-tall confidence of the same President only 3½ years ago when he praised his Marines in Beirut, watched them slaughtered and then, when American policy in Lebanon fell to pieces in February, 1984, walked away from the mess like a man abandoning a wrecked car.

In conversation with Western correspondents, Bahraini and UAE officials make no secret of their own long-term concern — that although grateful to Washington for its intervention, they know that the Americans will one day leave the Gulf. And when they do, the Arabs will have to go on living with their large and powerful Iranian neighbour.

This awareness, sharpened by the strong family ties between Arabs and Persians in the Gulf states, has tended to govern the relationship between the Arabs and Washington. The Saudis, for example, are keen followers of US foreign policy and fully understand the congressional pressures on President Reagan. While they may therefore express satisfaction with the presence of the US Navy in the Gulf, they are only too well aware that very many ordinary Americans would like their warships to leave, which one day they will.

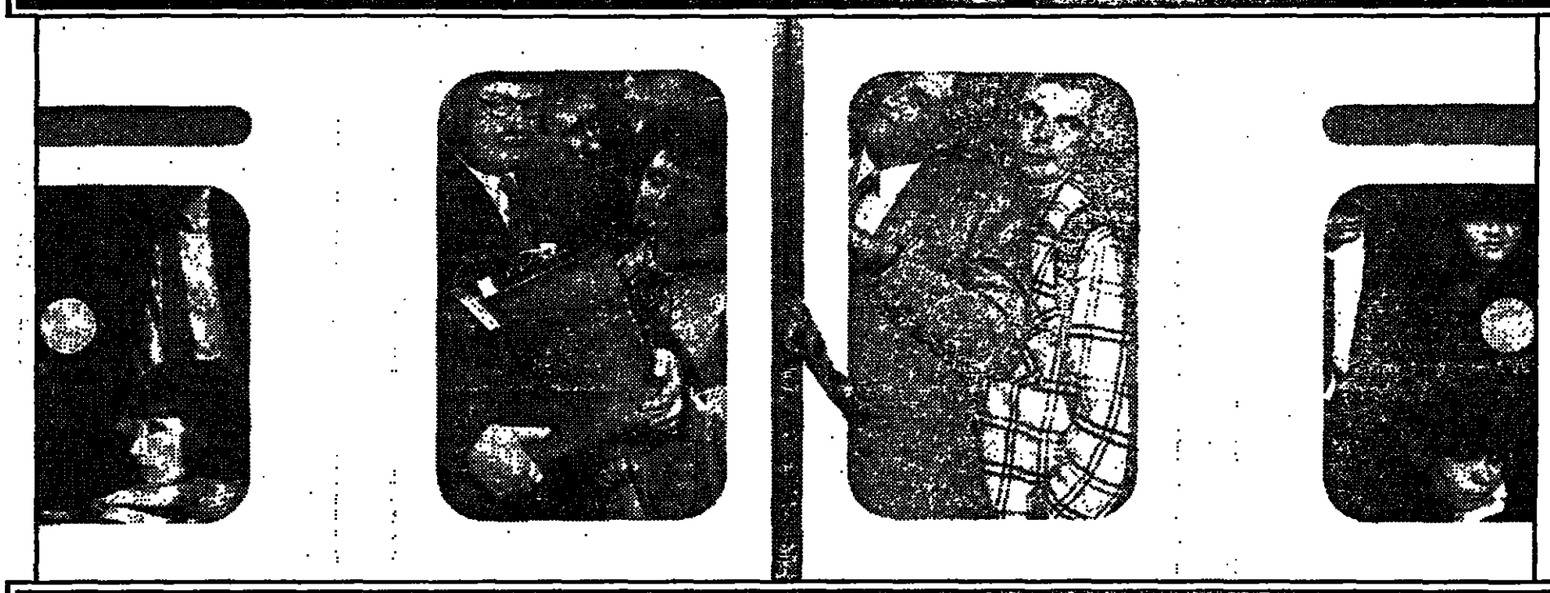
For their part, the Kuwaitis are still divided over the role the Americans have chosen to play, albeit on their behalf. Did the US naval strike against the Iranian oil platforms in the Gulf constitute sufficient retaliation for the Silkworm missile attack on a US-flagged Kuwaiti tanker? And if so, did the American action not directly provoke the subsequent Iranian missile attack on the Kuwaiti platform, an incident to which the Americans did not feel obliged to respond?

One Kuwaiti shipping executive with close government connections described the American naval action as both mistaken and "impetuous", a half-hearted affair which only encouraged the Iranians to launch further attacks against Kuwait. As a direct result, the Kuwaitis are now making the sort of noises that the Americans least want to hear — demanding anti-missile missiles that Mr Reagan is unlikely to be able to supply without strong opposition from the Israeli lobby.

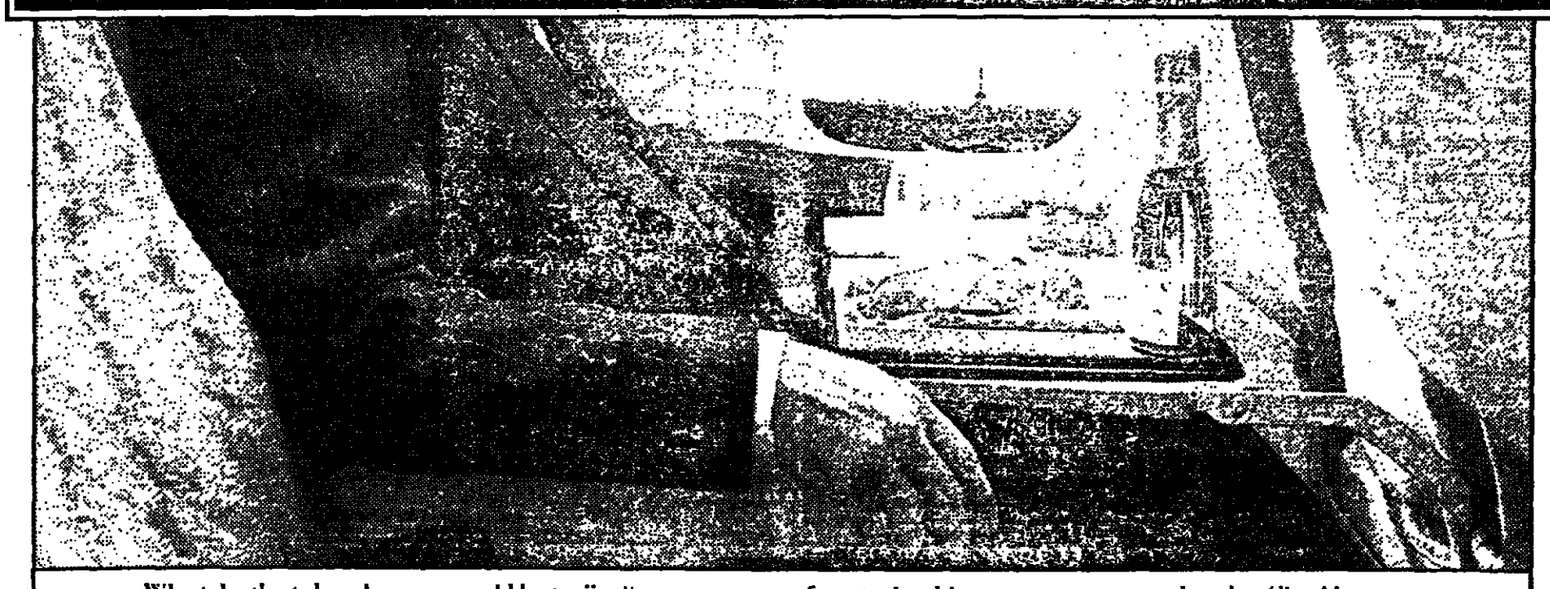
● The Arab states will have to go on living with Iran ●

The problem, of course, is the old one of "appropriate response". What may be politically appropriate may not be militarily appropriate and *vice versa*, particularly when the losers could turn out to be the people who have to stay behind when the Americans sail away.

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Fear of Filipino death squads creates a ghost town

Police claim arrests link communists to US base killings

From Gavin Bell, Angeles, Philippines

Terrorism is not a popular creed among the go-go girls of the Star Wars bar in Angeles.

While the tenets of political extremists may be obscure, their effect on businesses adjacent to an American military base is all too clear.

The murder of three Americans and a Filipino by unidentified gunmen a week ago has emptied the bars, restaurants and souvenir shops clustered around Clark air base with astonishing rapidity. Angeles yesterday was like a Klondyke town the day after the gold ran out.

The local Filipino command claimed some success yesterday in detaining 17 suspects. Six of them were said to have been armed with revolvers and grenades and to have admitted being members of the New People's Army (NPA), the clandestine military wing of the Communist Party of the Philippines.

Police Lieutenant-Colonel Amado Espino said the 17 were detained in separate raids near the base. He said several people saw the murders and had given descriptions. Police also raided a slum district in Manila and arrested 53 people suspected of communist links, a military spokesman said.

But the Star Wars hostesses sat listlessly around a deserted bar, coaxing sad songs from a juke box — pretty puppets with broken strings. A lone journalist seeking information was no substitute for their regular free-spending clientèle.

Mr Ernesto Punzalan, an official of the Angeles Hotels and Nightclubs Association, said business had slumped by 90 per cent. At least 20 nightclubs had closed, and more would follow unless the Americans returned soon.

About 25,000 US military personnel, civilian workers, and dependants live in and around the base, and normally they keep the cash registers of Angeles tinkling with a steady flow of dollars. Now virtually the only Americans to be seen are in the cockpits of F4E Phantom fighters, wheeling above the town.

Mr Francisco Nepomuceno, the Mayor, is not impressed. "The Americans should not panic — that is just what these gunmen want. It means they can scare away all the Americans any time they want."

He also professed concern for the well-being of the US military. "They are not happy being incarcerated in their base. They want to go out, they need recreation. A healthy sex life is very important for a balanced diet, you know."

Despite what Mr Nepomuceno says, American officers say there is no panic at Clark; the restrictions on the movement of personnel are sensible precautions to limit their exposure to potential danger.

However, there does seem to be considerable uncertainty about where the threat was coming from. Air Force Major Thomas Boyd is cautious about accepting the view that NPA gunmen were responsible for last week's killings.

He said: "We've not narrowed it down to any one group. We're not sure who did it or why, and until we can get a better handle on that it is difficult to assess the danger." Therefore, the security alert would be maintained for the time being.

Similar precautions are being taken at the Subic naval base, 50 miles to the west, where there are a further 13,000 US military and civilian personnel. Club hostesses in the adjacent town are said to have pledged their support for the Government's struggle against the NPA, forming a kind of "bar girls against communism" movement.

American concern about terrorism in the Philippines extends well beyond their military bases, judging by a travel advisory map produced by an Air Force security group at Clark. It identifies 25 provinces as "danger zones", and 14 as "critical areas". Together, they constitute half of the country.



A hooded government informer helping police identify suspected members of the communist New People's Army during a raid on a Manila suburb. Security forces detained 53 people in connection with a wave of killings of soldiers and police.

Manila — General Salvador Mison, the new Customs chief of the Philippines, says he frowns on blatant corruption but has told his poorly-paid officers they can accept "tokens of appreciation" because such "rewards" are a part of Filipino culture (Reuter reports).

Nakasone bows out to study strategy

Tokyo (Reuter) — Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, the outgoing Prime Minister, said in a farewell news conference yesterday that he has tried to eradicate the international image of Japan as an economic creature intent on exports.

"In the past five years, I tried to erase two dishonourable phrases labelled on Japan — an unfair country and an economic animal," he said.

Mr Nakasone, aged 69, steps down tomorrow after five years in office. His successor will be Mr Noboru Takeshita, a former Finance Minister.

Mr Nakasone said he hoped Mr Takeshita would "tread a centrist and stable diplomatic path and continue domestic reforms".

Political analysts say Mr Nakasone is expected to retain a large measure of political power, particularly because of his success in building relationships with foreign leaders and Mr Takeshita's inexperience in foreign affairs.

Asked about his future plans, Mr Nakasone said he intended to spend time studying Japan's strategic position in the world. Mr Takeshita said last month that he wanted to create an institute to develop policies on such issues as Japan's role in world peace.

Tolstoy outburst at 'Ivan' trial

From A Correspondent, Jerusalem

Count Nikolai Tolstoy, the British born historian and distant relative of the Russian writer, Leo Tolstoy, created a sensation in court yesterday when he refused to continue his testimony as a defence witness for Mr John Demjanjuk, standing trial for war crimes.

The count's testimony about British repatriation practices after the Second World War was meant to support Mr Demjanjuk's alibi regarding false statements he gave to a UN official about his wartime activities. The prosecution charges that Mr Demjanjuk is "Ivan the Terrible", the operator of gas chambers at the Nazis' Treblinka death camp.

During Tuesday's cross-examination the prosecution questioned Count Tolstoy about his methods of research, the validity of his history degree from Trinity College, and even his political views as a white Russian. The prosecutor also read out loud several poor reviews of books written by Count Tolstoy.

The latter's refusal to testify was prompted by his belief that his character was being attacked and that his political views were to be examined in court. He told reporters afterwards that he had not had the same treatment as prosecution witnesses.

After several recesses and discussions between Count Tolstoy and the lawyers, an agreement was reached whereby the count would continue to testify if no more attacks were made on his personal and political beliefs.

"As I am not here for my own benefit but rather for that of the defendant, I decided to go on," he said.

As Count Tolstoy continued to testify, the question arose as to when he was first requested to appear at this trial. He replied: "The first I ever learned of my appearance in this case was when I opened up a copy of *The Times* at breakfast."

Mr Demjanjuk claims that if he told the truth about being captured from the Red Army in 1942 and spending the remaining war years as a German prisoner of war, he would be repatriated to the Soviet Union. The prosecution says he lied to conceal his Treblinka role.

Aides accuse FAO chief of misconduct

By Nicholas Beeston

The head of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization, Dr Edouard Saouma, is accused in a television documentary, to be shown tonight, of two acts of professional misconduct during the 1984-1985 food relief operation to Ethiopia.

In the ITV programme *This Week*, colleagues of Dr Saouma and one of his former aides accuse him of allowing office politics to interfere with the distribution of food relief until its representative at the FAO, Mr Negash Tessema, was removed.

In one interview Mr Dawit Wolde-Giorgis, a former Ethiopian relief official now living in the US, says that when he attempted to brief Dr Saouma in June, 1984, about the effects of drought in his country and ask for food relief, the director-general insisted that the FAO would not be able to co-operate with Addis Ababa

In another instance a former aide to Dr Saouma, Mr Steffan de Mistura, claims that the director-general personally recalled him from the successful relief airlift, Operation Hope, in January, 1985, because the FAO was not getting the credit.

Dr Saouma denies the allegations.

● **Salary figure:** The director-general of the Food and Agriculture Organization does not receive a salary of $200,000, as stated on August 10. His annual salary is $78,430, plus allowances of $57,116. The delay in the financial contribution to the FAO from the United States arises from domestic legislation affecting all UN agencies, and is not directed at the FAO.

Spanish floods kill nine

Madrid — Torrential rains continued to fall yesterday along Spain's east coast, where nine people, including a West German tourist, lost their lives in flash floods.

The German, who was not immediately identified, was drowned at a camping ground at Villajoyosa, near Benidorm, yesterday morning.

In Santa Faz, near Alicante, a Spanish woman was drowned at her farmhouse yesterday. In Guadasuar, near Valencia, a young man and a young woman were drowned in an irrigation canal on Tuesday when flood waters swept the motor-cycle on which they were travelling off the road.

Rescue crews were at work yesterday at a mountain pass west of Valencia, trying to reach a man and woman whose car was washed off the road into a deep ravine.

Raging flood waters tore up roads and railway lines. Parts of the city of Alicante were evacuated yesterday morning. Rivers in and near Murcia toppled bridges and flooded some homes. Schools in Murcia were closed.

Athens march

Athens (Reuter) — About 5,000 university students waving banners marched through Athens demanding increased spending on education, free books, and a law prohibiting private colleges.

Paper back

Suva (AFP) — The *Fiji Times* will publish again tomorrow for the first time since the military coup six weeks ago, and the publisher, Mr Rex Gardner, said that publication had been approved without censorship.

Ferry sinks

Cumana, Venezuela (Reuter) — Six people were drowned and 10 were missing after an overloaded ferry sank when Cumana dockers loaded trucks too heavily on to one side.

Bussed out

Peking (Reuter) — Mr Richard Lanchester and Mr Rupert Wolf-Murray, British teachers expelled from Tibet on charges of running an unofficial library and having pictures of the Dalai Lama, left Lhasa by bus for Nepal.



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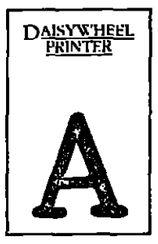
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SPECTRUM

Peking's old guard has given way to a confident leader who could breath fire into the Chinese dragon

The smile of a survivor

THE TIMES PROFILE

ZHAO ZIYANG



Meeting the massed ranks of the world's Press only hours after being confirmed in office is the mark of a confident man, and Zhao Ziyang positively exuded confidence. He laid into the United States, refused to be cowed by the Soviet Union and insisted that China's present policies of decentralization and *opening to the world were right* and would last. And he wanted the world to know.

There was little sign when Zhao gave his masterly performance on Monday that the shadow of Deng Xiaoping and the revolutionary veterans might cramp his style, or that he would be intimidated in argument. He is clearly used to holding his own and getting his way. At the same time he has a social ease and polish that could conceal a harder side to his character.

His past suggests, above all, determination and persistence. Now 68, he was of the generation which experienced the Japanese occupation of China and joined the Communist Party to fight it. He is a native of Henan Province in central China and the son of a formerly wealthy land-owning family.

All his early years were spent working for the Communist Party in Henan. After the communist take over of China in 1949, Zhao continued his provincial party work, with the difference that he was now working for, rather than against, the regime.

In the late 1950s he was transferred to Guangdong province in south China, where he set about purging corruption and imposing the authority of the communists. Guangdong, on the mainland of China opposite Hong Kong, had long been renowned for its "southern" lifestyle and its openness to outside influences. In those early days of communist rule, party leaders were more commonly of the ascetic, hard-working variety, having clawed their way to power through long years of fighting and hardship. Zhao tried to push through land reforms against great opposition, and in 1957 showed his harsher side by banishing 80,000 people to the countryside. Guangdong then appears to have fought back and there is no reference to Zhao in official sources for four years. In 1967, during the cultural revolution, he was one of the established leaders the Red Guards saw as their adversary. He was dragged through Canton in a dunce's cap — the usual persecution method of those years — and accused of being in sympathy with capitalism. Like Deng Xiaoping and other older members of the Chinese leadership, he was sent to work as a manual labourer in a factory.

In 1971, however, after the first phase of the cultural revolution, he was sent, or probably exiled, to Inner Mongolia as leader of the regional Communist Party. Four years later, as the cultural revolution was exhausting itself, he went as governor to the Chinese province of Sichuan where he set about trying to restore Sichuan's reputation as the granary of China. He returned the province to self-sufficiency in grain after years of food shortages — and that made his reputation.

One of the ways he achieved this success was to encourage peasants to cultivate private plots — something which was anathema to the early Chinese communists. He also began dismantling the people's communes, which had been decreed as the ideal agricultural formula. This was a bold step for any political leader to take; last week at the 13th party congress, Zhao completed that part of his work by having all reference to the communes deleted from the party constitution.

In 1980 he made his crucial career move when called to Peking to join the party Politburo in recognition of his achievement in Sichuan. Six months later he had been appointed state Premier. Some regard his rise in Peking as far too rapid and he is further handicapped by not having built up the networks that sustain many provincial leaders in hard times. Even now, it is whispered that there are provinces in which his word is not law. Indeed, reports leaked out of last week's party congress of a last-minute move to block his progress, with rumours, since substantiated, that Deng Xiaoping was being pressured to remain as leader. It is said that this was a bid not so much to keep the older generation in power as to stop Zhao from becoming Deng's designated successor. His attainment, not only of the post of party general secretary but also of the first vice-chairmanship of the military commission, where he is deputy to Deng, makes him second only to Deng in power.

Yet it is only this year that Zhao began to emerge as Deng's chosen heir. Zhao had appeared assured and satisfied in the post of premier and professed to prefer this to any more senior party position. In 1982 he became the youngest member of the standing committee of the Politburo, placing him close to the focus of power, but the job of general secretary belonged to Hu Yaobang. It was Hu's unexpected removal last January that brought Zhao into the top office as the most senior of the "young guard". The contrasts between Hu and Zhao go some way to explain why Zhao is leader of China now and Hu is not. Hu appeared to have a flamboyant and somewhat indiscreet side to his nature, which endeared him to foreign audiences, but Zhao is more judicious. He is also, to judge by his performance on Monday, less easily impressed. And Zhao understands better the importance of presentation. From the dark suit and tie, through the combination of affability and sternness, to his straightforward manner, Zhao gives the impression of being in charge and of being hard to deflect from his chosen path.

Like all good communist leaders, Zhao is said to be a voracious worker, a family man and an enthusiastic jogger and swimmer. He is believed, though in the communist world such details are hard to confirm, to have been married twice and to have five children, four of them boys. Like many of the offspring of China's leading cadres, Zhao's daughter studied in the United States at the University of Hawaii from 1981 to 1983. Zhao himself visited America in 1984. It is said that he realized then, as do many Chinese who visit the US for the first time, just how far China has to go to catch up.

Catching up, albeit slowly, is what Zhao has pledged himself to, with the same mixture of determination and pragmatism that characterized his earlier career. The cause of the Communist Party, however, will be safe in his hands. Like Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, Zhao remains very much an ideological mainliner whose innovations are directed at strengthening and not weakening socialism — or in Zhao's case "socialism with Chinese characteristics." The care with which the theoretical basis for China's reform programme has been worked out and his part — specifically alluded to in an official Chinese profile — in the campaign against "bourgeois liberal" ideas earlier this year, show that he is no free thinker. Those who speak kindly of him note, however, that he tried, albeit unsuccessfully, to limit the campaign to party members. He has personally protected some of China's more adventurous intellectuals, including the wayward astrophysicist, Fang Lizhi.

Zhao's record, and his promises, show him to be first of all an economic strategist whose instincts incline him to pragmatism rather than dogmatism. What is not known, and perhaps will never be known, is how far he is responsible for the reform and decentralization that have so invigorated the Chinese markets. Was he just an executive for Deng Xiaoping, or was he perhaps the chief instigator who used Deng's name and goodwill to sanction his ideas? If he was the instigator, the world could now be in for more surprises from China than it has already seen.

Mary Dejevsky

Gospels of the lost

One of religion's oldest controversies is to be aired on TV, reports **Peter Lewis**

In 1945 some camel drivers digging up birdlime beside a desert cliff near the town of Nag Hammadi, in Upper Egypt, unearthed a large pot full of papyrus texts written in Coptic. It was the library of a nearby Gnostic monastery, buried around 350AD when Gnosticism was being denounced as heresy.

When finally published during the 1970s, the hoard was revealed as four unknown "gospels", secret books (apocrypha) ascribed to the Apostles James and John, other works attributed to Peter and Paul and several more esoteric writings. Many of them contained sayings ascribed to Jesus. Yet few people are aware of their existence. Now Gnosticism is to have an airing on Channel Four which may attract new interest. Beginning on Saturday, a series of five programmes will explore what today seems an "alternative" Christianity appealing to the individual contemplative spirit. All that is certain about the Gnostic gospels is that they were excluded from the New Testament canon by Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, in 367AD as likely to "lead the simple astray".

> "These are the hidden words which the living Jesus spoke"

The texts date back to before 180, when Iranaeus, Bishop of Lyons, published a comprehensive attack on Gnostics for "boasting that they have more gospels than there really are".

They could come from an oral tradition as old as the sources of the canonical gospels. This is especially so in the case of the *Gospel of Thomas*, which begins with the claim, "These are the hidden words which the living Jesus spoke and which Didymus Thomas wrote down". It consists entirely of quotations, many overlapping those in the New Testament. According to Professor Gilles Quispel of Utrecht, who worked on its text, "some of these sayings are nearer to the source than those in the canonical gospels."

Gnostic gospels are different because of the emphasis they put on *Gnosis*, direct, intuitive knowledge of the "living" (ie resurrected) Jesus, the Light which believers are told to find within themselves. An example is a Beatitude quoted by Thomas: "Blessed are the solitary and elect for you shall find the Kingdom". Other sayings are quite unlike the New Testament: "Jesus said, 'If you bring forth what is within you, what you bring forth will save you. If you do not, what you do not bring forth will destroy you'."

Some of the texts seem to be accounts of the mystical experiences of their authors. In one, *The Second Treatise to the Great Seth*, Jesus tells the author in a revelation: "For my death, which they think happened, happened to them in their error and blindness. It was another upon whom they placed the crown of thorns, but I was rejoicing in the heights over their empty glory. And I was laughing over their ignorance". Another, the *Gospel of Philip*, offers new information about Mary Magdalene, described as a "companion" of Jesus. It says that Jesus used to kiss her on the mouth, which offended the rest of the disciples. "They said to Him, 'Why do you love her more than all of us?' The Saviour answered and said to them, 'Why do I not love you as I love her?'."

Steve Segaller, a former *World in Action* producer who wrote and directed the series, said, "When you know of these alternative versions, the whole story becomes more human and believable".

Women were attracted to Gnostic groups because they were given an equal role with men, as priests and even as bishops, and were invited to administer the sacraments. This is still the case today. A later programme visits a present-day Gnostic church in California presided over by a woman bishop who celebrates a Gnostic mass for congregations of between 50 and 100.

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EGYPTOLOGY

There is nothing new about zoos. A royal zoo existed in Alexandria in the third century BC, but it is now clear that even this was not the first. Austrian excavators at Qantir, in the eastern Nile Delta, have found bones of lions and an elephant within the precincts of a royal palace dating from about 1200 BC. The Americans at Hierakonpolis, in southern Egypt, have unearthed a tomb dating from before 3200 BC which was surrounded by a mummified menagerie — a dog, cattle, a gazelle, an elephant and six baboons, who accompanied their master into the next world. ***John Ray***

CONSERVATION

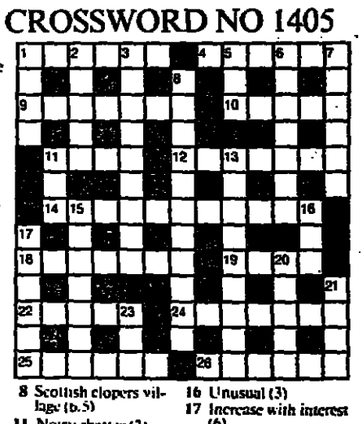
There are five times as many rats as people in India. They steal or spoil up to 10 per cent of grain and other food. The Irula hunter-gatherer tribe, who learn from an early age to catch both snakes and rats, formed a co-operative to catch snakes and extract their venom. Now they are going in for rat control. In farm trials they dug up 4,313 burrows and caught 6,363 rats, with five men catching 487 rats in one day.

Such labour-intensive control was found to be 95 per cent cheaper than rat catching in the traditional pesticide programmes. ***Paul Munton***

PUBLIC OPINION

Britain led the world in a poll conducted in the United States by the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations. Eighty-three per cent of respondents chose Britain as a country in which the US had a "vital interest" for political, economic or security reasons. Canada and Japan scored 78 per cent, West Germany and Saudi Arabia 77 per cent and Israel 76 per cent. On a "temperature scale" rating warmth of feelings towards various countries, Britain came second only to Canada, with an average above 60 degrees. Syria scored 34 degrees, the Soviet Union 31 degrees and Iran 22 degrees. ***Robert Worcester***

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HEALTH

Born to the bottle

Is alcoholism an inherited disease? The debate is about to begin in the US Supreme Court. Christopher Thomas reports

For nearly 200 years the battle has raged: is alcoholism a disease? Is the alcoholic in the merciless grip of an inherited malady? Or is he a sinful weakling who could stop drinking if he exercised more willpower?

The American Medical Association has for 30 years accepted the disease concept of alcoholism and the idea that certain people are genetically predisposed to become alcoholics. So has the American Psychiatric Association, which defines alcoholism as a distinct mental disorder. The World Health Organization has recognized alcoholism as a disease since 1951.

Now it is the turn of the United States Supreme Court to determine whether this baffling, deadly affliction is the consequence of "wilful misconduct" or a condition over which the victim is powerless.

The case, which will be argued on December 7, involves a government body, the Veterans' Administration, and two alcoholics who have been sober since the early 1970s. They contend that alcoholism prevented them from taking advantage of education benefits within a prescribed 10-year limit of leaving the military. Extensions are granted to veterans hindered by physical or mental problems "not the result of their own wilful misconduct".

The case has reopened the debate about alcoholism. The medical profession citing evidence of physiological differences that most alcoholics are born with, is fiercely defending the disease concept.

'The entire notion of alcoholism as a disease is at stake here'

The US Government, in its brief to the court, argues that alcoholism results from excessive drinking "chosen freely". It states: "Even those medical authorities who label alcoholism a 'disease' concede that it is a disease that can and does involve significant elements of volition."

Members of Alcoholics Anonymous believe that most alcoholics were born that way and the disease was merely triggered by the first drink, which leads to a compulsion, a physical and emotional need.

Alcoholism treatment experts say the ramifications would be dire if the Supreme Court decided that alcoholism is the result of "wilful misconduct". Medical insurance companies would feel justified in refusing to pay for alcoholism treatment; employer attitudes would harden, threatening the future of expensive employer-provided counselling; government funding for alcoholism treatment might also be affected.

If the Veterans' Administration wins in the Supreme Court, it will save a good deal of money, because the US military is awash with alcoholics. The Veterans' Administration accepts "secondary alcoholism", in which drinking is a symptom of an underlying psychiatric problem, as an involuntary illness eligible for extension of benefits, but not the more common "primary alcoholism," in which drinking itself is the root disorder.

Both plaintiffs, Eugene Traynor and James McKelvey, received honourable discharges from the army in the late 1960s. They insist that alcoholism is a dysfunction beyond the control of the individual. That argument is being supported by the American Medical Association, the Vietnam Veterans of America and the National Association of Addiction Treatment Providers.

"The entire notion of alcoholism as a disease is at stake here," says Michael Ford, executive director of the National Association of Addiction Treatment Providers. "It has taken years for the public to understand the concept. And here is the federal government saying it's just a temper tantrum."

Passions run equally strong on the other side of the argument. "People are using alcoholism as an excuse for wife abuse, vehicular homicide, embezzlement, every crime you can think of," says Stanton Peele, a New Jersey psychologist and author of *The Meaning of Addiction.*

Herbert Fingarette, a professor of philosophy at the University of California and author of a forthcoming book, *The Myth of Alcoholism as a Disease*, says that treatment has become a billion-dollar industry and insists: "The alcoholic under the right circumstances has the power to control drinking and to change."

But the American Medical Association says that primary alcoholism has a strong genetic link: "Family studies have revealed that sons and daughters of alcoholics are three to four times as likely to develop primary alcoholism as are children of non-alcoholic parents."

It notes that environmental, sociocultural and psychological factors play a role in the development of primary alcoholism, much as they do in diseases like coronary atherosclerosis, diabetes and schizophrenia. It states in its brief that 95 million Americans drink alcohol: 11 per cent, or 10 million of them, suffer from alcoholism and that alcoholism ranks as the third leading cause of death in the United States.

'The alcoholic has the power to control drinking and to change'

The question of whether alcoholism is a disease reached the Supreme Court once before, in 1968. A Texas law against public drunkenness was challenged on the grounds that public drunkenness was the result of alcoholism sickness. In rejecting the challenge the court noted simply that there were differences of opinion among medical authorities on whether alcoholism was a disease.

This time, the court is being asked to rule explicitly on whether primary alcoholism is or is not the consequence of "wilful misconduct" chosen freely. The American medical profession not only wants the justices to reject such a notion: it is urging them to go a step further and for the first time enshrine in law what almost every American doctor believes to be true — that alcoholism, whatever its mysterious origins, is a disease.

Wendy Hale



A minority view in Britain

The theory that addiction to drugs or alcohol is a distinct disease, perhaps with a biochemical cause, rather than a symptom of other psychiatric disease or personality disorder is probably believed only by a minority of British doctors, *writes Dr Thomas Stuttaford*. Even those doctors who recommend Alcoholics Anonymous often do so because they recognize the invaluable work it does for certain types of alcoholic rather than because they accept the disease concept, which does not stand up to objective assessment and controlled experiments. There is a strong genetic link in alcoholism, but so there is with many other personality traits including aggression, charm, generosity, meanness, kindliness or mental toughness, some of which, if carried to excess, can cause social, if not medical, problems.

Safety in saunas

MEDICAL BRIEFING

The Stock Market crash was not disastrous for everyone: saunas in the City have done a brisk business easing the tensed muscles of brokers, dealers and bankers seeking relaxation. But doctors have never been convinced that saunas are always entirely beneficial.

Dr Clifford Hawkins, of the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham, posed this question in a recent *British Medical Journal* article entitled: "Sauna: killer or healer?" He has studied research literature from Finland and concludes that although a hot bath may be just as effective as a way of relaxing stiff joints and painful limbs, or of producing tranquillity of mind, it lacks the social advantages of the sauna.

Saunas have never been shown to promote health or physical fitness and, theoretically, could cause sudden death by putting a strain on the heart, as ECG and blood-pressure monitoring have shown changes which are similar to those found during vigorous exercise. Dr Hawkins recommends that people unaccustomed to saunas, as well as the elderly and those with heart disease, should approach them with care and only gradually accustom themselves to the regime. Everybody should avoid staying in a sauna for too long.

It is is reassuring to know that the Finnish research does not show a high incidence of heart disease or sudden deaths in sauna users. But saunas are not recommended for anyone who has a fever or has recently had alcohol. They increase the release of the hormone prolactin, which can cause women to lose their periods and, theoretically, impotence in men.

Diet and cancer

At various times, excessive coffee drinking, an over-fondness for alcohol and the taking of a diet high in fat have all been blamed as factors which increase the likelihood of breast cancer. A recent review in the BMJ *clears coffee drinking. But it explains that even when other aspects of the lifestyle of heavy drinkers — which might influence the risk of carcinoma of the breast — as well as the gins and tonic have been allowed, there is still a statistical association between heavy alcohol intake and breast cancer. It concludes that the evidence of high fat diets and instances of breast cancer is conflicting.*

Power of love

As miscarriages are so common and affect up to 20 per cent of pregnancies, it is not surprising that a great many mothers officially suffer from recurrent abortion, defined medically as two or more consecutive spontaneous abortions.

This subject has recently been reviewed in the *Journal of Family Medicine* by Dr Quadir Khan of the Charing Cross Hospital. He suggests that recent advances in testing for pregnancy, including development of ultrasound, show that the true figure of spontaneous abortions may be closer to 60 per cent, but fortunately most of these abortions occur so early that the would-be mother never realizes she's been pregnant.

Dr Khan stresses the importance of a kindly reassuring manner in treating cases of recurrent abortion. Research has shown that 86 per cent of women would eventually achieve successful pregnancy with no more treatment than tender loving care to relieve any stress caused by their obstetric history.

In 63 per cent of cases of spontaneous abortion, a cause can be found. In over 50 per cent of those which occur early in the pregnancy, the foetus is found to have a genetic defect. Ten per cent of the couples in cases of recurrent abortion had chromosomal abnormalities themselves.

Another survey has shown that 35 per cent of women who recurrently abort have abnormalities in the delicate balance of hormones needed to achieve pregnancy, but this can be treated. These patients can be given tablets of clomiphene between the second and sixth day, and injections of human chorionic gonadotrophin on days 13, 18 and 24 of the menstrual cycle.

Recently the immune response of the mother to the baby in the womb has come under scrutiny. Abnormalities in this relationship are another common cause for recurrent abortion. Women who lack a necessary factor which blocks their rejection of the baby can be treated by immunizing them with paternal white blood cells; if this does not induce the appropriate antibodies, a third party donor may be used. It has also recently been shown that a small daily dose of aspirin may help the woman who recurrently aborts to keep her child.

Staying cool

Television pictures of emaciated Third World babies dying from stomach infections have taught everybody about the hazards of dehydration, but excessive fluid loss from diahorroea, vomiting or sweating doesn't only affect the Third World.

Princes are just as vulnerable as peasants, as Prince Charles demonstrated some time ago when he collapsed of heat stroke after playing polo in the grilling sun of a southern state in America. The remedy is to replace the body's fluids and electrolytes with a mixture of sodium and potassium chloride and glucose in an appropriate base.

A British firm, Rorer (UK), has recently introduced an effervescent tablet, Dioralyte, which when dissolved in 200ml (approximately a baby's bottle) of water makes a sparkling drink. They are easy to carry and could form part of the luggage of anybody who hopes to withstand the ill-effects of a gippy tummy.

In babies, a powder formulation is still recommended, but this is the first replacement in effervescent tablet form.

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

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The sounds for silence?

Womb noise or white noise — will either really soothe a baby to sleep?

The tape recorder was switched on and a regular, thumping noise filled the room. Rachel, aged four, ignored it and carried on playing. In a basket on a table near Rachel lay two-day-old Joseph. He was crying, screwing up his face and thrashing about with his tiny fists. But as the thumping noise reached his ears, his cries died away and he lay still, sucking his fingers.

Joseph's mother, Sally Blann, was impressed. Rachel's mother, Denice Authors, smiled. She had seen the effects of the tape before: this was the sound that Rachel had listened to before she was born — and the sound that had soothed her afterwards.

In October 1983, when Denice (then a 29-year-old biology teacher) was pregnant with Rachel, her husband had the idea of recording what their baby could hear inside her womb. The recording, made with a Sonicaid D205 doppler ultrasound machine under the supervision of Queen Charlotte's Hospital, London, was of the movement of blood in the artery supplying the placenta.

Denice started to use the tape to calm Rachel two days after she was born, and carried on using it to sleep inducing effect, for five months.

The tape itself is now being marketed under the name Baby Doze and with the claim that since it is a natural womb sound it will be more effective in inducing sleep in young infants than other "synthesized" noises currently available on tape.

It is not the first product to use sounds recorded *in utero*. A number of similar tapes have been produced since the Japanese first investigated the effect of intra-uterine sounds on newborns 12 years ago.

Dr Hajime Murooka, of the Second Hospital of Nippon Medical College, tested the theory that the duplication of the sounds of the uterus might calm crying infants by developing a tiny condenser microphone which was placed in the womb. When the recording was played to 87 newborns who were crying, 73 were calmed and of these, 32 slept. Fourteen remained fretful, six of them crying.

In 1979 American psychologists Burton Rosner and Neil Doherty used Murooka's recording in tests and confirmed his observations that intra-uterine sounds soothe fussy infants. However, they did not support his claim that the noises could put alert but placid neonates to sleep.

So are womb sound tapes a real breakthrough for parents at their wits' end because of a crying, sleepless baby? The main drawback is that they must be started as soon as possible after birth. Murooka believes that it is necessary to begin before the baby is two weeks old and points out that after this the recording will gradually lose its effect.

Also, the noise has to be loud (louder than you would normally play a tape) and although this may calm a baby, this is not the same as sending it to sleep.

Some people think that recordings of "white" noise may be more effective than intra-uterine sounds. Roger Wannell, a businessman, has produced a tape called the Baby Soother, which gives out a rhythmic swooshing white noise and which can, he says, be introduced successfully at any time within the first 10 weeks of a baby's life and continues to soothe for months.

He had his tape analysed by Dr Kevin Murphy, an audiologist at the Royal Berkshire Hospital, who says: "The inside of the uterus is such a noisy place that the foetus learns to ignore selectively certain sounds as a matter of protection. A new-born baby has the same ability. Wannell's tape contains sounds which are spaced sufficiently far apart for the baby to fail to adapt to them. Thus the soothing effect is maintained."

Independent experts such as Dr David Haslam, author of the book *Sleepless Children*, say that either kind of tape can have some effect, provided that they are started early enough.

Max Rappoport, whose company makes the Baby Calmer cassette, which plays womb sounds on one side and a soothing noise on the other, believes his research indicates that womb sound isn't as effective as a continuous noise. But, he adds: "You can probably get the same kind of effect by switching on your washing machine or your vacuum cleaner — only you'd soon wear out your appliance."

Lee Rodwell

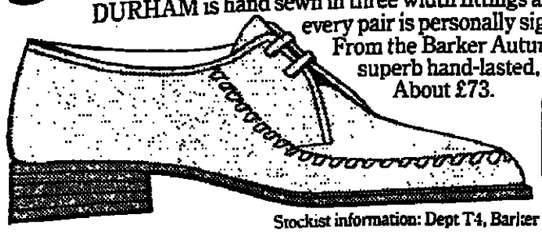
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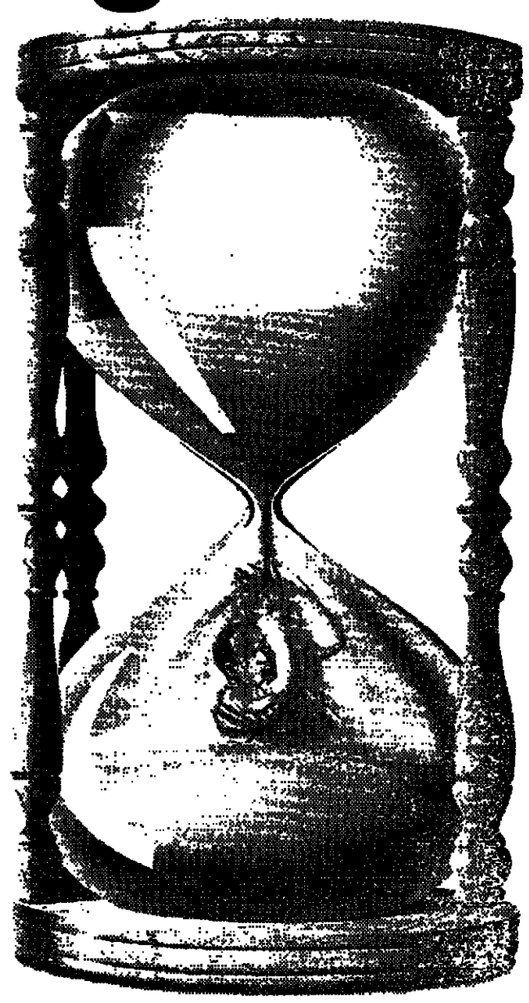


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Personnel services

The Labour Party post of director of personnel, resources and training (salary £23,800) — which has been advertised when Walworth Road HQ is still seeking about 25 redundancies — is likely to go to one of two main contenders. The first and strongest is Mike Watts, who was employed by Taylor Woodrow in training and management and later set up his own consultancy, through which he worked for Walworth Road before this year's general election. The second is Tony Mainwaring, currently political assistant to general secretary Larry Whitty, for whom he has also been acting as personnel manager. With such experience he may appear suitable to join the three other directors, Peter Mandelson, communications; Joyce Gould, organization; and Geoff Bish for policy — but I understand he is not a well-liked man.

Fly posting

Nigel Lawson's high wire act between the House of Commons and the City is clearly having an effect on his nerves. The Chancellor is reported to be furious about an advertisement that appeared in London's evening papers last Friday. The full-page ad for Brymon Airways, which operates from the new city airport, showed Lawson holding the BP share prospectus under the legend: "When you want to get out of the City fast." It appeared the day trading started in the Bank of England-secured BP shares. The Treasury tells me it is considering whether there are grounds for complaint to the Advertising Standards Authority. When market men are looking for any indicator, I can understand why Lawson did not appreciate the joke.

● **John Patten, the Home Office minister, had good cause to remember a high-rise block in Killingworth New Town when he visited Tyneside for a crime prevention project yesterday. Two years ago when he was last there as housing minister he met a man who kept a donkey in his third-floor flat. Patten then recommended that the flats be knocked down. Yesterday he found demolition under way.**

Brooke's bond

Mrs Thatcher's promenade round Conservative Central Office today to smooth the ruffled feathers of the party's HQ workers after the surprise appointment of Peter Brooke as chairman may take all her tact and guile. "Caretaker" Brooke, citing the 18 years he spent in industry as illustration of his management experience, has not ruled out the prospect of redundancies for some of the 160 workers in Smith Square, making for some anxious faces around the place.

BARRY FANTONI



'Neville says perhaps a theme park would be more appropriate'

Relative values

A raid at gunpoint on a house in the republican Ballymurphy district of Belfast last week left the police puzzled. The incident, in which armed men commandeered a house in Whiterock Road, did not involve a car theft or any other disturbance. Sinn Fein suggestions that "Loyalist" thugs were responsible were dismissed as unlikely in that area. RUC inquiries, however, revealed the householder to be one Frances McAllister, sister of Gerry Adams, the Provisional Sinn Fein president. The assumption now is that sundry Provisional IRA men retired, somewhat abashed, when they realized they had taken over the home of the Sinn Fein boss's sibling.

Thé up

Already priding themselves on their *haute cuisine, bon vins* and sundry other symbols of civilized living, the French are now claiming to be connoisseurs of the more humble *tasse de thé*. The Paris daily *Le Figaro* has been investigating the capital's tea-rooms. While the survey singled out half a dozen establishments for special praise, comparisons would be invidious. One venue that sounds hard to resist however, is the Tea Caddy on rue Saint-Julien-le-Pauvre, almost unchanged since it opened 50 years ago including, it seems, its more elderly clientele, which the paper describes as "the last of the Indian army generals". In the interests of the *entente cordiale* I should point out that the survey was published to mark the publication of a new book on the glories of the authentic British teatime.

PHS

Big Brother and the poll tax

by Ben Patten

If it is serious about protecting our liberties the government should take a hard look at how the *creation of a computerized register* — the central mechanism for the operation of the poll tax — might harm them.

The registration officer will attempt to construct and maintain a list of every adult in his area, employing house to house canvassing, transfers from local authority personal files, the electoral roll and other sources.

The name, address, date of birth, marital status, student status, liability for the tax and "such other matters as may be prescribed" will be recorded for each individual. Everyone will have the right to inspect his or her entry, and a list of names, and separate list of addresses, will be published.

Such a register raises three concerns. First, it will no longer be possible for anyone to live anonymously. While this might seem unimportant to most of us, there are those for whom it could be very important indeed. Take, for example, the situation of the battered wife who flees her husband or the foreign refugee who is sought by agents of his country.

The government claims that it will not be possible to tell who lives where from the publicly available parts of the register. However, not only is the register intended to be comprehensive and updated monthly (unlike the electoral roll, if you change your name and address the register will record where you have been and who you were) it will also be computerized and consequently more vulnerable to unauthorized access than paper records.

The second main danger concerns the nature of the information disclosed to the registration officers. A report commissioned by the Scottish Office (from the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy) suggests that the officers may need to consult a broad range of personal files, including those of the Inland Revenue, DHSS, education and health authority. The government itself has stated that applications for bus passes, library tickets and home improvement grants would be among the sources and that it would be "common sense" for inquiries to be made of local solicitors as to who had bought houses in the area. Only police and social work files may be immune from this scrutiny.

With an estimated 800,000 changes in the register each year, CIPFA believes that 1,000 staff will be needed in the Strathclyde region alone to handle these researches. To anyone who has any experience of the record of local authorities in safeguarding personal information this explosion in data handling represents a civil liberties nightmare. It is likely that many people will suffer the consequences of the unauthorized use and negligent disclosure of confidential information.

The third danger is the most sinister. The CIPFA report advises that, in order to keep a month by month check on each individual, it may be necessary for each person to be given a "personal identifier" — an identity number. This prospect appalled the 1978 Lindop Committee on Data Protection for the very reason that CIPFA seeks to introduce it — it makes it relatively straightforward to cross-reference from one data bank to another. The committee warned that, if a personal identity number was ever contemplated, it should be laid before Parliament and not allowed to evolve formally.

The government appears to believe that the Data Protection Act 1984 will provide adequate safeguards for the individual. I very much doubt whether this will be the case. The Data Protection Registrar has few powers and a small staff, while the individual rights in the Act are unimpressive on paper and as yet untested in the courts. There is no effective sanction against those who might obtain unauthorized access to the register.

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Lester C. Thurow plots the likely international effects of a continuing fall in the US currency, which he argues rescue attempts can only prolong

When the dollar is down

Economists are good at understanding fundamental forces, but not so good when it comes to timing, magnitude, and the speed of adjustment. Today, almost 60 years later, economic historians still cannot tell us why the stock market crashed on October 28 and 29, 1929. They can tell us why the stock market had to fall but this could have happened in May 1929 or February 1930 rather than October. It could have happened at a slow rather than fast pace.

So too in 1987. No one will ever be able to explain why the New York stock market had its greatest fall on October 19, 1987. Timing depends upon herd psychology, and economists can no more predict why the financial herd panicked then than an animal behaviourist can explain why a herd of antelope panicked at some particular moment on the plains of the Serengeti.

Economic fundamentals are known, however, and they tell us something about the future. The stock market had to come down because interest rates were being pushed up to defend the dollar and to keep foreign funds flowing into the United States. By early October interest rates had reached almost 10 per cent. This created a 10:1 price earnings ratio for bonds. At the same time the price earnings ratio for stocks was 20:1. Why would anyone pay $20 to get $1 worth of earnings when they could pay $10 to get $1 worth of earnings, especially when the latter is less risky than the former? As people moved from that $20 dollar investment to that $10 investment stock prices had to come down.

On October 20 the Federal Reserve Board dramatically changed its policies. It stopped defending the dollar with higher interest rates and started defending the stock market with lower interest rates. The defence worked but it simply transferred all the financial pressure from the stock market to the dollar market. With current interest rates the dollar has to fall. We don't know when, how fast, or how far, but we do know that it must fall. With a lower interest rate and a $170 billion



trade deficit that shows few signs of improving, there is no option.

If the central banks of the world are willing to lend the United States $200 billion a year they can prevent the slippage, but the longer they do so the greater the ultimate fall will have to be. The US will be further in debt, need to make larger interest payments to pay its international creditors, and hence have to have a larger trade surplus to get the money necessary to make those interest payments. The larger the necessary surplus, the further the dollar has to fall.

The lower valued dollar will in turn generate some inflationary pressures in the US and some deflationary pressures in the rest of the world. Higher import prices can lead domestic wages and prices to rise.

So far there are no signs of this in the US but import prices haven't yet started to rise relative to domestic prices. Abroad, a lower dollar and a lower US trade deficit means fewer exports and smaller trade surpluses. The net result is fewer sales and jobs. At US levels of productivity it takes four million full-time workers to produce $160 billion worth of manufactured goods a year. As a consequence, when the US dollar has fallen to the point where the US balances its trading accounts, the rest of the world will have lost at least four million jobs and in reality more, since the rest of the world on average has lower productivity levels.

Inside the US the direct effects of the falling stock market are rather small. Only 19 per cent of all Americans own shares of stock and 40 per cent of these only one share, according to the latest data of the Federal Reserve Board. Only the top 10 per cent of the population has any significant stake in the stock market. Studies of consumption show that certain high end luxuries, such as million-dollar Florida condominiums and exotic cars, depend upon stock market wealth rather than annual earnings, but that most consumption depends upon annual income and not net additions or subtractions from the consumers' stock market wealth.

The largest effect is probably on real investment in plant and equipment. If plant and equipment can be purchased more cheaply on Wall Street than it can be built in the countryside, less plant and equipment will be built than would otherwise be the case. As a result, 1988's plant and equipment forecasts will have to be revised downward.

Offsetting these two factors are the lower interest rates that have been put in place since October 20. They should stimulate some additional consumption and investment, although the econometric evidence does not suggest the large positive effects that economic theory would clearly predict.

In the United States there is also a positive effect from fewer imports and more exports due to a lower valued dollar.

Put two modest downward and two modest upward effects together and the result is probably a small downward adjustment in the forecasts for GNP growth in 1988. If the previous forecast for 1988 had been 3 per cent, the new one should be 2.5 per cent.

Since the dollar effect will be working against growth abroad, however, outside the United States the downward adjustment should be a little greater. Without knowing how long the central banks of the world are going to be willing to support the value of the dollar and lend the United States what must be lent, it is difficult to predict how much the downward adjustment should be in the rest of the industrial world. And even here the decision to let the dollar fall can be offset by a decision to give the local economy a boost with more expansionary fiscal or monetary policies.

When it comes to that famous bottom line the real effects of the stock market crash on October 19 are apt to be small. And that is as it should be. The real economy dominates the stock market — not the reverse.

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Ronald Butt

The way with revolutions

My text is taken from the Bishop of Durham. *World at One*, at the beginning of the crash in equity markets. Was it a moral issue? Yes it was, said the bishop, since moral issues come down to practical issues. He then embellished this undoubted truth with the thought that presumably came most readily to him: "I think that God's often about as down to earth as Karl Marx, you see."

As well as raising a number of rather obvious theological questions, this singular observation provokes at least one thought of particular political relevance just now: how down to earth was Karl Marx? The answer is, of course, available from the Soviet Union, the country in which Marx's model for government has prevailed for the longest time and has been most ruthlessly enforced.

It is that Marxism has been tried and found wanting. The proposition is therefore that Russian society should be cautiously restructured in the opposite direction to that which the founding prophet prescribed. Yet in the West, and among some Russian intellectuals, there are misgivings, not only because Marx and Lenin remain in the Soviet pantheon but because even Mr Gorbachov's strictures on Stalin at this week's celebration of the October Revolution spared the Russians any real description of that monster's crimes.

He acknowledged Stalin's "real crimes" and "abuse of power", and said his guilt was "enormous and unforgivable". Yet he preferred to describe Stalin's victims as "many thousands" instead of in millions, which is the truth, and to say, not that they were killed or starved to death, but that they were "subject to wholesale repressive measures". Even in criticizing "rigid centralization" and condemning the "excesses" in the struggle against the kulaks, Mr Gorbachov accepted the collectivization of Russian agriculture as correct. Those who had hoped for a root-and-branch denunciation of Stalinism and, by inference, of nearly everything the Russian state has stood for, are disappointed.

Yet they are flying in the face of history's lessons. Attempts are being made to unwind a revolution and to reintroduce a huge empire of peoples gradually and very cautiously to some of the fundamental principles of a more or less normal human society that is capable of growing organically and giving the individual some freedom. But a revolution of the kind that took place in October 1917 and has been enforced by the most systematic tyranny the world has known cannot be reversed overnight. Still less can 70 years of national history be denounced as wholly wasted. To attempt that would be to jeopardize the hope of reform, for the truth is that all successful government purports to build on what has gone before.

That, of course, is why all revolutions are in the last analysis bad. But of all European revolutions, the Russian was uniquely damaging, since it was the only one to attempt to transform the whole nature of society in its spiritual, social and economic as well as its political aspects, according to a blueprint laid down in advance by a political philosopher trying to play the part of God. There have, of course, been innumerable political revolutions in which one dynasty has overturned another, monarchies have been overthrown by *coups d'etat* (after which life has gone on not so very differently from before), and shortlived dictatorships have been thrown up by extraordinary political circumstances, as in the Thirties. But there have only been three great exemplary revolutions in the West; the English, the French and the Russian. (The American was a rebellion which sought independence on precisely the same political principles as those prevailing in the homeland.)

The first English revolution purported to be conservative. Its initiators saw themselves as fighting for the old constitution against Stuart innovation. The monarchy and the House of Lords were abolished but most of the old political system remained. There was no terror and the social and economic order was not changed. The two English revolutions of the 17th century were only sharp upheavals in a continuum of change. They could be built on.

The French Revolution was much more drastic. In the end it destroyed the monarchy, abolished nobility and the feudal tradition and shed much blood, leaving a tendency to division in French society. Its fury intensified and the revolutionaries eventually tried to create a new beginning by bloodshed and renaming the months and the year.

But there was little economic change, property and individual rights were upheld and in the end the revolution began to unwind with the arrival of the Directory in 1796. The whole thing had lasted about seven years, and more to the point nobody at the beginning could have seen where it was going. It arose from political and economic crisis, an outworn system, a ferment of competing new ideas and a burst of rage. Nobody set out at the beginning to reconstruct humanity.

Attempting this, the Russian revolution was unique. It has been sustained by force and accompanied by cruelty and failure. Khrushchev gave up the use of terror but kept the Marxist machinery of government, including the supremacy of the party machine. He totally failed to understand that Marxism cannot function except by the suppression of individual freedom. The failures in industrial and agricultural performance of which he was accused simply show that if you must have the one-party state it needs terror to deliver the goods.

Such a thoroughgoing long-lasting regime cannot be reversed by simple repudiation. A nation (or group of nations) with a sense of patriotism cannot be brought to reject all its recent history with a gesture. If Mr Gorbachov's restructuring is to work, it will no doubt include the sanitization of Marx and Lenin as founding fathers on whom much will have been mythically built. That, after all, is the way in which we have often accommodated the bits of our own history from which we were retreating. We have to be wary but also understanding.

There is now a dawning understanding in Russia that despite all the misery the system does not work. We must watch warily but not be despondent because the denunciations are not more ringing. We may even have to accept without indignation the sight of Marxism being represented as something Marx himself would never have recognized. All revolutions eventually tend to regress to a kind of norm, and it now seems that the Russian may prove to be no exception.

Let someone bring the poison if it is ready

THE LAST CUP

Socrates was condemned to death in 399 BC for "corruption of the young" and "neglect of the gods".



The Times continues its selection from a new anthology of some of the most vivid reports in history with accounts from **Plato** of the death of his friend and mentor Socrates (right); and from **George Shelvocke**, an 18th-century mariner, of the death of an albatross

The servant came and stood beside him and said: "Socrates, I shall not find fault with you as I do with the others, for being angry and cursing me, when at the behest of the authorities, I tell them to drink the poison. No, I have found you in all this time in every way the noblest and gentlest and best man who has ever come here, and now I know your anger is directed against others, not against me, for you know who are to blame. Now, for you know the message I came to bring you, farewell and try to bear what you must as easily as you can." And he burst into tears and turned and went away.

And Socrates looked up at him and said: "Fare you well, too; I will do as you say." And then he said to us: "How charming the man is! Ever since I have been here he has been coming to see me and talking with me from time to time, and has been the best of men, and now how nobly he weeps for me! But come Crito, let us obey him, and let someone bring the poison if it is ready; and if not, let the man prepare it."

Crito said: "But I think, Socrates, the sun is still upon the mountains and has not yet set; and I know that others have taken the poison very late, after the order has come to them, and in the meantime have eaten and drunk and some of them enjoyed the society of those whom they loved. Do not hurry; there is still time."

And Socrates said: "Crito, those whom you mention are right in doing as they do, for they think they gain by it; and I shall be right in not doing as they do; for I think I should gain nothing by taking the poison a little later. I should only make myself ridiculous in my own eyes if I clung to life and spared it, when there is not more profit in it. Come, do as I ask and do not refuse." Thereupon Crito nodded to the boy who was standing near. The boy went out and stayed a long time, then came back with the man who was to administer the poison, which he brought in a cup ready for use. And when Socrates saw him, he said: "Well, my good man, you know about these things; what must I do?"

"Nothing," he replied, "except drink the poison and walk about till your legs feel heavy; then lie down, and the poison will take effects of itself."

At the same time he held out the cup to Socrates. He took it, and very gently, Echecrates, without trembling or changing colour or expression, but looking up at the man with wide open eyes, as was his custom, said: "What do you say about pouring a libation to some deity from this cup? May I, or not?"

"Socrates," said he, "we prepare only as much as we think is enough."

"I understand," said Socrates, "but I may and must pray to the gods that my departure hence be a fortunate one; so I offer this prayer, and may it be granted." With these words he raised the cup to his lips and very cheerfully and quietly drained it. Up to that time most of us had been able to restrain our tears fairly well, but when we watched him drinking and saw that he had drunk the poison, we could do so no longer, but in spite of myself my tears rolled downs in floods, so that I wrapped my face in my cloak and wept for myself; for it was not for him that I wept, but for my own misfortune in being deprived of such a friend.

Crito had got up and gone away even before I did, because he could not restrain his tears. But Apollodorus, who had been weeping all the time before, then wailed aloud in his grief and made us all break down, except Socrates himself. But he said: "What conduct is this, you strange men! I sent the women away chiefly for this reason, that they might not behave in this absurd way; for I have heard that it is best to die in silence. Keep quiet and be brave."

Then we were ashamed and controlled our tears. He walked about and, when he said his legs were heavy, lay down on his back, for such was the advice of the attendant. The man who administered the poison laid his hands on him and after a while examined his feet and legs, then pinched his foot hard and asked if he felt it. He said "No"; then after that, his thighs; and passing upwards in this way he showed us that he was growing cold and rigid. And again he touched him and said that when it reached his heart, he would be gone. The chill had now reached the region about the groin, and uncovering his face, which had been covered, he said, and these were his last words: "Crito, we owe a cock to Aesculapius. Pay it and do not neglect it."

"That," said Crito, "shall be done; but see if you have anything else to say." To this question he made no reply, but after a little while he moved; the attendant uncovered him; his eyes were fixed. And Crito when he saw it, closed his mouth and eyes.

Such was the end, Echecrates, of our friend, who was, as we may say, of all those of his time whom we have known, the best and wisest and most righteous man.



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UNLUCKY FOR SOME

Coleridge's reading of this account, from the record of a voyage of 1719, provided him with the germ of The Ancient Mariner.

At 7 in the evening, as they were furling the main-sail, one William Camell cry'd out, that his hands and fingers were so benumb'd that he could not hold himself, but before those that were next to him could come to his assistance, he fell down and was drown'd.

The cold is certainly much more insupportable in these, than in the same Latitudes to the Northward, for, although we were pretty much advanced in the summer season, and had the days very long, yet we had continual squalls of sleet, snow and rain, and the heavens were perpetually hid from us by gloomy dismal clouds.

In short, one would think it impossible that any thing living could subsist in so rigid a climate; and, indeed, we all observed, that we had not had the sight of one fish of any kind, since we were come to the Southward of the streights of le Mair, nor one sea-bird, except a disconsolate black Albatross, who accompanied us for several days, hovering about us as if he had lost himself, till Hatley, (my second Captain) observing, in one of his melancholy fits, that this bird was always hovering near us, imagin'd, from his colour, that it might be some ill omen.

That which, I supposed, induced him the more to encourage his superstition, was the continued series of contrary tempestuous winds, which had oppress'd us ever since we had got into this sea. But be that as it would, he, after some fruitless attempts, at length, shot the Albatross, not doubting (perhaps) that we should have a fair wind after it.

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TOMORROW
Breaking new boundaries

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A CHURCH DIVIDED

Divisions in the Church of England over the ordination of women have already seriously disturbed the ecclesiastical peace, and the matter is still far from resolved. The last thing the church needed, therefore, was another damaging public split on the even more controversial issue of homosexuality.

That it has occurred at this time is undoubtedly a by-product of the arrival of an Aids epidemic, from which even the clergy is not immune, and which has forced the church to attend to questions on which it is divided or uncertain. Some church leaders have been consoling themselves that their uncertainty is in fact a virtue, showing how attractively undogmatic and unauthoritarian modern Anglicanism really is; but for the great majority of Anglicans it is a source of dismay. Human sexuality is surely something on which a Christian church ought to have something clear and definite to say, all the more so when society at large is in such a state of sexual confusion.

Yet the price of a clear public witness, of whatever kind, will be bitterness and division in the church's ranks. A judgement against homosexuality will be called a witch-hunt. A judgement in favour will be called a sell-out. Given that damage is likely either way, it would be wiser for the General Synod in its considerations of these issues next week not to look too hard at the possible consequences of its various options, but to concentrate its attention on the basic moral issues. That would be the course which commands most sympathy and respect, whatever the outcome.

For the Church of England's authority is at stake here — not just its public relations image but its credentials as an authentic mouthpiece for the Christian Gospel. It cannot claim that authority if what it preaches as Christian teaching is no more than the product of the balancing of its own advantage and interest. It cannot claim it if it has not anchored its authority securely in the only specifically Christian sources available, the evidence of Scripture confirmed by the witness of Tradition.

Where such sources conflict or are unclear, as seems to be the case over the ordination of women, the church must proceed with the greatest caution. But where they agree and admit little room for doubt, it really cannot be open to the Church of England, through a judgement of its General Synod, to go a different way.

In this case there can be no avoiding the conclusion that Christianity can never make room for homosexual behaviour while remaining true to itself. It cannot be accepted as morally licit conduct. It is, in a word, wrong.

The degree of permanence or commitment of homosexual partners to each other may help to answer the question how wrong, but the synod would be resigning from its responsibilities were it to say that such situations may be judged morally equivalent to marriage, and therefore publicly acceptable. There is no warrant in the sources of Christian moral doctrine for such a position, however much it corresponds to the spirit of tolerance (or licence) of the modern age.

While that statement of principle from the synod is the only one possible, it does not follow that there has to be an Inquisition in the ranks of the clergy as a result. The church already has an elaborate disciplinary code, with various measures of varying severity, for dealing with the moral failings of the clergy; and vast experience in maintaining a humane balance between public teaching and pastoral practice.

In other circumstances it would be platitudinous to advise that cases should be dealt with on their merits, but that may need saying in this case in answer to certain exaggerated demands. Being homosexual is not by itself a sin at all. Homosexual activity, while serious, is not invariably the greatest of all wrongs a clergyman can commit. And participation in such conduct is always less serious than the encouragement of it by others.

TALK EARLY FOR CHRISTMAS

The unofficial industrial action by Liverpool postal workers is the latest in a dreary series round the country which has helped cause an unacceptable deterioration of service on first-class mail. Nominally these have nothing to do with the formal dispute, between the Union of Communication Workers and the Post Office over the length of the working week, which threatens a national strike over the peak Christmas period. Beneath the surface, however, the two are connected for both parties.

The problems of the Post Office have much in common with those at British Telecom, which broke out into brief but damaging warfare earlier this year. Neither Mr Alan Tuffin's UCW nor the past and present Post Office chairmen, Sir Ron Dearing and Sir Bryan Nicholson, have any desire for confrontation. The Post Office has pushed through sweeping changes in working practices and delegated responsibility to local line management quietly and gradually to minimize friction.

The UCW leadership still has painful memories of the 1971 strike. It has realized that change is the price for expansion of Post Office services and the planned recruitment of an eventual extra 28,000 staff. It has stoutly eschewed strikes as a weapon to resist reform of working practices. Co-operation between management and unions has helped turn the Post Office from decline to expansion and swelled postmen's pay packets.

It is, therefore, particularly silly that the union should be seeking authorization for a national strike over the issue of the formal working week — a rare threat even in the bad old days — and that a sensitive management should be seen refusing to take the matter to arbitration. These unlikely positions stem from the two sides' need to conduct the nominal dispute in light of the underlying issues.

Some of Mr Tuffin's members have been upset by the reforms. He needs to rally them behind his moderate leadership by focusing on an issue which would not threaten Post Office development and where he can hope to win some concessions. This discontent may ensure a vote to authorize strike action, which he believes he needs if he is to negotiate successfully.

There are some peculiarities in the Post Office negotiating system, however, which oblige the management to view the hours dispute in terms of its right to manage. It would be sensible for pay and hours to be negotiated together, as management wanted, since they are part of the same remuneration package. But hours count as terms of employment. Hence going to arbitration might be a precedent, undermining local management and slowing productivity gains.

For the same reason, management has spelt out the self-evident truth that any cut in hours must be self-financing. The claimed three-hour reduction in hours would cost £150 million. To pay for this by raising prices would abuse the letter monopoly and damage the Post Office in competitive areas where it is already under pressure from business customers.

Once Mr Tuffin has his strike weapon to hand, there will be 28 days (the limit of strike authorization) to negotiate the compromise that both sides evidently want. There are comparability grounds for a one-hour cut in the working week for postmen and sorters. There is a slimmer argument for a two-hour cut to put postmen in line with the minority of Post Office clerical workers, including counter staff. But any such cuts can only be phased in as productivity gains permit. The union would need to make informal concessions, by accepting lower pay settlements during the phase-in period, or, more explicitly, trade some of the postmen's automatic share of productivity gains or adjust overtime payments.

Tight deadlines, imposed by the union, could cause an accident, sparking an unwanted strike as in the BT dispute. Mrs Thatcher has rightly emphasized that the letter monopoly will be suspended in that case. Professional competitors are waiting in the wings. If the monopoly is suspended, the Post Office will lose much of its business permanently and there will a strong case against restoring its privileges to their present extent.

IN 5TAM NOVEMBRIS

The Education Minister, Mrs Angela Rumbold, may raise the traditional glass this evening to the memory of the gunpowder plotters, but for whose incompetence she and her colleagues might not be where they are today. In consideration of her professional responsibilities, she should be encouraged to go further and consider a little-read poem which marks that great event.

It was written 250 years ago by Thomas Gray, of country churchyard fame, and, in one sense at least, she ought to approve its sentiments. For devotion to the safety of MPs it takes some beating. It compares Guy Fawkes to the great evil men of history, to Nero (who actually succeeded in firing his city) and to Phalaris (the torturing tyrant of Sicily who did unspeakable things with a bronze bull). Even for a poet who enjoyed the patronage of Sir Robert Walpole, his evaluation of the worth of politicians is enthusiastic.

Whether Mrs Rumbold will read it as keenly as Sir Robert is not known. For, in the manner of much of Gray's best work, it is written in Latin. After her response on Monday night to Mr Michael Fallon's initiative to preserve Latin on the school curriculum, one thing is certain, however. It is the sadly reduced prospect that future generations will be able to read it.

So what?, it may be asked. Though an entertaining occasional piece, *In 5tam Novembris* is not a major piece of literature. Nor are any of the Latin poems by English writers. The classical Latin poets are freely available in translation. If Latin is a protected species in schools, how can the gates be held against the flood of other "special cases"?

Many of the answers to these questions have been given already, in these columns and elsewhere. Today is an opportunity to consider one small additional point in the debate.

Thomas Gray has long been an unfashionable figure, not least because of his lack of originality. The *Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard* is an impressive collection of themes from other poets. Not even the famous "far from the madding crowd" is his own.

He wrote with respect to those who had written before. He learnt that art by writing in Latin, which in its very nature prizes quotation over invention. Unusually, he often wrote with greater honesty and intimacy in Latin than he did in English, an end to which no one should be encouraged. But, commonly for his time, he searched widely for a sentiment worth stealing, knew a good phrase when he saw one, and had not the slightest compunction in bending it to his needs.

If we ask ourselves which is the greater educational problem of our time, lack of originality or lack of knowledge, is there any doubting the answer? If we ask Mrs Rumbold, will she have any doubt?

It is the knowledge of our culture's roots that is under threat. Without that how can originality be even judged? If Gray had been in the public gallery on Monday night, he would not have believed his ears. His Guy Fawkes might have got off more lightly too.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Sudden crisis' dismays surgeons

From Mr P. G. Bentley and others

Sir, The Secretary of State for Social Services is correct in suggesting that the NHS can no longer cope because of infinite demand and finite resources, but he has failed to comment on financial pressures due to unfunded pay rises and "efficiency savings" which are in fact cuts, inevitably leading to reduction in health-care provision.

We are surgeons serving a quarter of a million people in west Kent and we write to record our dismay at the prospect of being reduced to providing only an emergency service as the result of current financial restrictions. Our local health district is overspent half-way through the year by nearly £800,000 with a predicted final deficit of £1.2 million.

The management have decided to shut 60 acute beds in an attempt to recover this deficit. This means that our efforts over the last few years which have reduced NHS waiting lists to a level where they are the envy of the rest of the country will be nullified within a few months. Such cuts will postpone non-urgent cases indefinitely and may even threaten our ability to treat urgent and emergency cases.

The closure of individual wards in each of the several hospitals in this district produces the maximum disruption to patient services for the minimum of financial savings, because all the support and managerial services remain intact.

We are further dismayed by the suddenness of the crisis, unpredicted by our new Griffiths-style management. A few weeks ago we were actively recruiting nurses and now face the prospect of having to dismiss them. Our district is not alone in suffering financial embarrassment, as a casual perusal of your pages of the last few weeks shows.

The Government's policies are seen by many as an attempt to force more patients into the expanding private sector. We would suggest that in the present improving economic climate, the crisis in the health service could be aborted with a realistic programme of capital and revenue expansion, by increasing the proportion of the gross national product directed into health care, a figure for which we are currently at the bottom of the European league.

If the secretary of state does not intend to do this, then he should come clean because at the present time the NHS cannot cope with the demand for health care.

Yours faithfully,
P. G. BENTLEY,
TIM WILLIAMS,
T. F. FORD,
JAMES LEWIS,
Kent and Sussex Hospital,
Mount Ephraim,
Tunbridge Wells, Kent.
November 2.

'Soggy' English

From Mr Andrew Nash

Sir, While Kenneth Baker struggles with the educational "sogginess" of his Civil Servants (article, October 15), the irony is that his new GCSE syllabuses now embody all the soggiest educational philosophy of the 1960s and 1970s.

We are told that standards are to be raised in English, yet the Government has actually abolished a compulsory examination in English at age 16. For, under GCSE, a pupil can now be awarded a grade solely on the continuous assessment of his or her own English teacher.

GCSE is the exam version of the comprehensive philosophy. Thus, even where a written exam is still available (as an optional part of the overall assessment), there is only one mixed-ability paper in English, which has to be "open" enough to be able to be answered by the barely literate as well as the highly academic candidate.

The aims and objectives of GCSE English have the typically Bullock-style emphasis on speech; and they relegate grammar, spelling and punctuation (which only have be "appropriate", not *correct*) to seventh place in a list of eight assessment objectives.

In short, all those aspects of "soggy" English teaching which have contributed so damagingly to the decline in standards in written English have now been made obligatory through GCSE. The Secretary of State has been outmanoeuvred by his progressive experts.

But, committed as he is to extending choice in education, why does Mr Baker not allow schools to opt out of GCSE and do O-level style exams? Then those of us who value the traditional academic disciplines called English language and English literature could get on with teaching them.

Yours faithfully,
ANDREW NASH
(Head of English),
The Oratory School,
Woodcote,
Nr Reading, Berkshire.
October 16.

Motorway hazards

From Mrs Rosalyn Phillips

Sir, I would like to refer to the tragic accident on the M61 motorway on Wednesday, October 28. Motorway authorities were quick to mention that the matrix display system had been warning traffic to slow down some three miles south of the accident.

I have become increasingly aware, while travelling many thousands of miles on motorways each year, that in nine out of 10 cases when the display system warns motorists to slow down this eventually appears to have been unnecessary, and suddenly, after being directed to slow down to 30 mph, there is then an "all clear" sign.

This can be quite annoying and it is obvious that because this happens so frequently motorists tend to ignore the signs completely until a hazard is visible, by which time it could be too late.

Perhaps the authorities could endeavour to make sure when these signs do appear that they are in fact genuine, or that when there has been a hazard they are quick to remove the signs as soon as the road is clear.

Yours faithfully,
ROSALYN PHILLIPS,
25 Heol Cefn On,
Lisvane,
Cardiff, South Glamorgan.

Tax on marriage

From the President of the National Council of Women of Great Britain

Sir, Although the National Council of Women of Great Britain has urged the Chancellor of the Exchequer on several occasions to implement his proposals for full transferability of tax allowances between husband and wife, this council would not agree with Mr McNeilage (October 21) that the fierce opposition to full transferability is all from "extreme feminist groups".

Some of those opposing full transferability do so on the ground that husbands and wives should be treated as individuals regardless of marital status. Taken to its logical conclusion this ground would mean that a surviving spouse would be liable for inheritance tax on the death of the other spouse.

The questions should be asked — is this what those opposing full transferability between husband and wife really want, and how many married couples would support them?

Yours faithfully,
EVE MARTIN,
National President,
The National Council of Women of Great Britain,
36 Danbury Street,
Islington, N1.

Legal luminaries

From Mr R. M. Maxtone Graham

Sir, The excellent profile of James Mackay (Spectrum, October 29) makes him the first member of the Scottish Bar to be head of the English judiciary. This is not strictly so. Lord Brougham (who occupied the Woolsack from 1832 to 1834) had been an advocate in Edinburgh for some eight years before his call to the English Bar.

Both had been distinguished academic mathematicians before turning to law: Mackay at Cambridge and St Andrews, Brougham in Edinburgh, where he presented his "General Theorems in the Higher Geometry" to the library of the Speculative Society in 1797. "The Spec" also claims Mackay as a member.

Of Brougham it was said, "if he had known a little law he would have known a little of everything". If short on law he was long on wind. Now mainly remembered for his carriage, and for having colonised Cannes, he did in fact make a great contribution to legal development, especially in the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council. Good luck to James Mackay as his more learned successor.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT MAXTONE GRAHAM,
6 Moat Sole,
Sandwich, Kent.
October 29.

Bangladesh arrests

From the High Commissioner of Bangladesh

Sir, There were unkind remarks about Bangladesh and its President in your second leader (October 28). While the Government, with the help and assistance of friendly countries, including the UK, is trying to reconstruct the ravaged economy after the recent devastating floods, some politicians have been trying to disrupt the process of economic activities, thus causing immense suffering to the people at large.

No government worth the name can be a silent observer in such circumstances. Therefore the Government had to act and take some people into custody.

It is not correct to state that political development was stunted following the death of Awami League leaders in 1975. The democratic parliamentary form of government was thrown overboard by the Awami League regime and a one-party system under the name of BAKSAL was introduced instead.

Democracy has been restored by the present Government through elections to Parliament and local bodies and to the office of president.

Meanwhile, we would like to put on record our thanks to you for the coverage given by your esteemed daily of the devastation caused by the floods, as well as your appreciation of the Bangladesh Government's efforts to face the situation.

Yours sincerely,
K. M. SAFJULLAH,
Bangladesh High Commission,
28 Queen's Gate, SW7
October 29

A lower limit for abortions

From Dr R. H. Nicholson

Sir, Your leader (October 29) on David Alton's Bill, which proposes an upper limit of 18 weeks' gestation on the permitted time for abortions, mentions the likelihood of amendments being tabled to change the limit to 24 weeks. It is important to recognise that there is as little rationale for a 24-week limit as for one of 18 weeks.

The idea of a 24-week limit appears to derive from two sources, the 1974 Lane committee report on the working of the Abortion Act, and the 1985 *Report on Fetal Viability and Clinical Practice*, produced by a committee representing various medical colleges and associations and published by the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists.

The Lane committee took note of the improvements in neonatal care between 1967 and 1974 to suggest a reduction in the limit from 28 to 24 weeks. Were they to be reporting now, they would undoubtedly recommend a lower limit than 24 weeks, because of continued improvements in neonatal care in the last 13 years.

The RCOG report acknowledged that there were valid arguments for a 22-week limit. The committee preparing the report argued, however, that the gestational age to be selected is not one that should include every baby that is potentially salvageable but one that can be regarded as a limit below which survival is unlikely and above which it is probable.

A 24-week limit would therefore be subject to continuing criticism as the number of surviving infants of 23 weeks' gestation steadily increases.

A limit of 22 weeks, on the other hand, would make embryological sense. Before 22 weeks' gestation the structure of the lungs is such that even the most skilled use of mechanical ventilators will not allow enough oxygen into the infant for it to survive.

The widespread support for some reduction in the time limit on abortions is surely based on a belief that foetuses should not be aborted when they are capable of independent existence. A limit of 22 weeks would acknowledge that belief, would bring the UK into line with several other European countries, and would be unlikely to need further amendment for many years.

Yours faithfully,
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Tavistock House North,
Tavistock Square, WC1.
November 2.

Defining Europe

From Mr Peter Johnson

Sir, The use and meaning of words can have important psychological effects. The habitual misapplication of terms can only too easily implant wrong and injurious beliefs.

The increasing use of "Europe" and "European" to apply to a part of the Continent, e.g. the EEC or Nato, is an example.

Western European Union may legitimately formulate ideas for the defence of a part of Europe, but surely it should not, as reported in your issue of October 28, signal "a common European defence policy".

History will not forgive us if we allow ourselves and encourage our successors to forget that Austrians, Czechs, Finns, Poles, Romanians, Swedes, Swiss, Yugoslavs and others are all Europeans who also defend or protect themselves in their own ways.

In our preoccupation with immediate affairs, we should not lose sight of the fact that the division of Europe, seen against the background of history, is a temporary aberration and that the real Europe, in its old limits if not in precisely its old form, will one day re-emerge.

Yours faithfully,
PETER JOHNSON,
Middle Corner Cottage,
Hempton,
Deddington, Oxford.
October 29.

Calero visit

From Mr Neil Hamilton, MP for Tatton (Conservative) and others

Sir, The Commons motion, signed last Tuesday by Labour MPs, objecting to the admission to Britain of Dr Calero, the leader of the Nicaraguan resistance, demonstrates the abhorrence of free speech which these MPs share with the Marxist Sandinista regime.

As *The Times* leader on Saturday (October 31) made clear, the Contras are freedom fighters, not terrorists.

Dr Calero, who was imprisoned by Somoza and who would be imprisoned by the Sandinistas if he returned to Nicaragua, is struggling to restore freedom, democracy and human rights to his country. It is quite right that he received a proper hearing in Britain.

Yours faithfully,
NEIL HAMILTON,
GERALD HOWARTH,
EDWARD LEIGH,
RAY WHITNEY,
DAVID HART, Chairman,
Committee for a Free Britain,
40 Doughty Street, WC1.
November 3.

Truth to tell

From Mr Tam Dalyell, MP for Linlithgow (Labour)

Sir, Craig Brown (Commons sketch, October 30) asserts that Westland is a forgotten issue. Maybe. But the truthfulness to Parliament of ministers must always be a current issue.

Yours etc,
TAM DALYELL,
House of Commons.
November 3.

Through glass darkly

From Mr John Jaques

Sir, Mr Simon Gill's letter of October 29 reminds me that it is not only the legal profession that enjoys the privilege of typing errors.

As a young architect I remember a colleague's specification called for "all bathroom windows to be glazed with obscene glass". We were tempted to leave the error in just to see what the builder turned up with!

Yours faithfully,
JOHN JAQUES,
The Arts Club,
40 Dover Street, W1
October 29

ON THIS DAY

NOVEMBER 5 1957

The successful launching of a second Soviet earth satellite, even if the only passenger was a dog, was viewed with concern in the United States

U.S. SMARTING UNDER THE SATELLITES

SPUR TO AMERICAN ATTACK ON OUTER SPACE

From Our Own Correspondent
WASHINGTON, Nov. 4

The second Soviet earth satellite and its dog passenger were the talk of America to-day, and the Press and wireless elaborated on the first brief announcements with a variegated outpouring of facts and conjecture.

Strong undercurrents of alarm at the military implications of the achievement were reflected in a rising clamour from the politicians for a special session of Congress and the appointment of a missiles "czar" to take over the diffused energies of research and development; scientists wondered whether a Russian rocket might not already be on its way to the moon; and wits found an occasion for a new crop of "shaggy dog" stories — peppered with some satirical quips about America's place in the "dog-house".

Those with long memories recall that nearly a century ago Jules Verne had three men and two dogs circling the moon in an artificial satellite; and the irony of that story was that the vehicle was launched from Florida, with Russian financial backing.

The White House imperturbably takes the position that the second satellite falls "within the pattern of the expected," and there are no immediate indications of any change in American plans to launch two test satellites from Florida next month before embarking, probably in March, on the full-scale Vanguard project.

From what is known of these preparations, however, the American programme for the International Geophysical Year foresees nothing comparable to the latest Russian achievement, though Operation Farside of the United States Air Force, now said to be languishing in the Pacific for lack of funds, has launched a rocket computed to have travelled perhaps 4,000 miles into space.

For all the scientific implications of the Russian achievement — and American tributes are ungrudging — its political aspects are inevitably viewed with deep concern as a blow to American prestige, especially in the uncommitted world, where confidence in the United States has been largely based on its superiority in modern weapons and technology . . .

PLAN TO CATAPULT THE DOG

HOPE OF SAFE RETURN TO EARTH

MOSCOW, June 4.— Dr. V. Paziekin and Professor V. Petrovsky, of the Moscow planetarium, said to-day that the satellite would not be affected by the proposed catapulting back to earth of the container bearing the dog and would continue in its orbit for a long time afterwards.

Dr. Paziekin said that the dog was fed artificially through a tube with "a highly calorific liquid." Several flasks were in the dog's cabin and it had sufficient food for some time — "for more than just a few days."

Dogs had been recovered from rockets after being catapulted out from heights of up to about 120 miles. "We believe that this dog may be catapulted from the rocket at a much greater height, though we shall try to choose a moment when the rocket is at its lowest point in the orbit, provided this coincides with other essential factors. It could be catapulted out at a height of 450 to 550 miles."

He continued: "The dog may be alive when we get it back — we hope to bring it back alive. It is in an air-conditioned container. We cannot hear the dog's bark in space, because there are no microphones in the container."

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 4: His Excellency Dr Mohammed S. Al-Mashat was received in audience by The Queen and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Republic of Iraq to the Court of St James's.

His Excellency was accompanied by the following members of the Embassy, who had the honour of being presented to Her Majesty: Mr Abdul Muhsin M. Said (Counsellor), Brigadier Abdul Kadir S. Khamis (Military Attaché), Mr Arif M. Jadan (Second Secretary), Dr Ahmad M. Khalaf (Cultural Counsellor), Mr Abdul Jabbar N. Isa (Assistant Press Counsellor), Mr Yasen F. Talib (Assistant Press Counsellor) and Mr Sadaam Z. Hasan (Commercial Attaché).

Mrs Al-Mashat had the honour of being received by The Queen.

Sir Patrick Wright (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs), who had the honour of being received by Her Majesty, was present and the Gentlemen of the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

The Queen this evening attended a reception to mark the 60th Anniversary of the Royal Television Society at the Banqueting House, Whitehall, London SW1.

Her Majesty was received on arrival by the President of the Royal Television Society (Mr *Paul Fox*).

Mrs John Dugdale, Mr Kenneth Scott, Mr Robin Janvrin and Lieutenant-Colonel Blair Stewart-Wilson were in attendance.

The Prince Edward, President of the National Youth Music Theatre, this morning attended a press reception at Sadler's Wells Theatre, to announce His Royal Highness's Presidency.

The Prince Edward this evening opened the "Age of Chivalry: Art in Plantagenet England 1200-1400" Exhibition at the Royal Academy of Arts and afterwards attended a reception.

His Royal Highness was received by the President of the Royal Academy (Mr Roger de Grey).

Lieutenant-Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.

The Duchess of York this evening attended the Silver Ball at the Savoy Hotel in aid of the Sportsmans Aid Society.

Miss Helen Hughes was in attendance.

The Princess Royal, Patron of British Executive Service Overseas, this afternoon attended the Annual General Meeting of the Organization at the Institute of Directors, Pall Mall, London SW1.

Her Royal Highness was received by the President of the Council (the Viscount Boyd of Merton).

The Princess Royal, President, Riding for the Disabled Association, this evening attended the National Conference Dinner of the Association at Robinson College, Cambridge.

Her Royal Highness, attended by the Hon Mrs Legge-Bourke, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight and was received by the Patron of the Association (Lavinia, Duchess of Norfolk).

The Duke of Edinburgh, Colonel-in-Chief, The Queen's Royal Irish Hussars, was represented by General Sir Brian Kenny (Colonel, The Queen's Royal Irish Hussars) at the Memorial Service for Lieutenant-Colonel Henry Huth (late 8th Hussars) which was held in St George's, Hanover Square this afternoon.

CLARENCE HOUSE
November 4: *Queen Elizabeth* The Queen Mother this afternoon visited Queen Mary's Clothing Guild at St James's Palace.

Mrs Patrick Campbell-Preston was in attendance.

Her Majesty was represented by Sir Martin Gilliat at the Memorial Service for Major-General Sir James d'Avigdor-Goldsmid, Bt which was held in the West London Synagogue.

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 4: *The Duke of* Gloucester, Grand Prior, The Order of St John, this morning named a new locomotive "St John Ambulance" to mark the Centenary of the St John Ambulance Brigade at Euston Station, NW1.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Simon Bland was in attendance.

The Duchess of Gloucester this evening presented donations on behalf of The Berkeley Square Ball Committee to the St John Ambulance Brigade Centenary Appeal and other charities at The Ritz Hotel, W1. Her Royal Highness was subsequently present at a reception for The Dr Jan de Winter Cancer Prevention Foundation *Mammography Appeal Auction* at Christie's, King Street, SW1.

Mrs Michael Wigley was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE,
ST JAMES'S PALACE
November 4: The Duke of Kent, Colonel-in-Chief the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, today received Lieutenant-Colonel K.R. Keith on assuming command of the 6th Battalion and Lieutenant-Colonel R.P.D. Brook on relinquishing the appointment.

The Duchess of Kent today opened Express Foods' new factory and as Patron, opened the Spinal Studies Centre at the Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital and visited Derwen Training College for the Disabled, Oswestry, Shropshire.

Her Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by Mrs Alan Henderson.

The Duchess of Kent was represented by Lieutenant-General Sir Rollo Pain at the Memorial Service for Major-General Sir James d'Avigdor-Goldsmid which was held in the West London Synagogue, Upper Berkeley Street, London W1 today.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE, RICHMOND PARK
November 4: Princess Alexandra. Patron of People's D and Mr Colin Macpherson upon assuming this appointment.

Lady Inglis of Glencorse gave birth to a daughter on October 31.

A service of thanksgiving for the life and ministry of Canon Evan Pilkington will be held in St Paul's Cathedral on Monday, November 9, at 4.30 pm followed by Evensong.

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of John Foulston, Chairman and Chief Executive of Atlantic Computers and Chairman of Brands Hatch Leisure, will be held at St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, at 11.30 on Wednesday, December 2, 1987.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Noel Perry-Gore will be held at St John's Wood Church on Tuesday, November 10, at 7.30 pm.

Science report

Age old question for Everest

By Andrew Wiseman

No sooner have experts confirmed that Mount Everest is the highest peak in the world than a new argument involving the Himalayas could be hitting the scientific world.

It has just been announced that the mountains are 10 million years older than presumed, which would make them twice as old as currently believed. This surprising conclusion has been reached by a group of researchers engaged in the internationally sponsored Ocean Drilling Programme.

It is based on extensive drillings this summer carried out by scientists aboard the research vessel Joides Resolution in the Indian Ocean south of Sri Lanka, and by subsequent laboratory analyses of sediments.

According to Professor Helmut Beiersdorf, who co-ordinated the German contribution to the project, these deposits contained extremely fine particles of weathered stone, which were washed down from the Himalayas and far into the ocean where they ultimately settled. This process, which had continued for millions of years, led to a widespread accumulation of sediment, stretching southwards well beyond the Gulf of Bengal.

Luckily for the geologists, some of these deposits came to rest on a section of the ocean's floor made from very hard basalt.

From the outset the scientists were sure that the key to the history of the Himalayas could be found in traces of the erosion processes which had reached the sea over a period of millions of years and which had settled 3,000 kilometres from their source.

The sediments the geologists were able to analyse had travelled from India at a rate of only a few centimetres a year and their age was determined after a study of shells and skeletons of marine microorganisms found among the deposits.

As a result, the geologists are convinced that the geological history of the Himalaya region began 140 million years ago, when India was still part of a huge continent in the southern hemisphere.

Known as Gondwanaland, the continent broke up and its separate sections then formed the continents of today.

India moved northwards through a sea called Tethys and established its first geological contact with Eurasia 60 million years ago.

As Tethys disappeared, India's pressure against Eurasia increased and the earth's crust between the two continental masses began to buckle: this was the birth of the Himalayas and the sediments proved it happened 20 million years ago.



Arthur Miller (right) with Michael Gambon, who plays the character Eddie in Miller's *A View from the Bridge*, after the play's first night at the Aldwych (Photograph: Alan Weller).

Birthdays today

Mr R.W. Annand, VC, 73; Sir John Bailey, HM Procurator General and Treasury Solicitor, 59; Viscount Bangor, 82; Mr John Berger, author and art critic, 61; Mr E.R.H. Bowring, insurance broker, 72; the Right Rev F.W. Cocks, former Bishop of Shrewsbury, 74; Mr Art Garfunkel, singer, 46; General Sir John Hackett, 77; Dr Paul Knapman, Coroner for Westminster, 43; the Rev Professor John Marsh, former principal, Mansfield College, Oxford, 83; Mr Nicholas Maw, composer, 52; Mr John Morris, QC, MP, 56; Mr Lester Piggott, former jockey and racehorse trainer, 52; Rear-Admiral Andrew Richmond, executive director, RSPCA, 56; Lord Stallard, 66; Sir Reginald Verdon-Smith, former chairman, BAC, 75.

Reception

Royal Television Society
The Queen was present at a reception held yesterday evening at the Banqueting House, Whitehall, to mark the diamond jubilee of the Royal Television Society. She was received by Mr Paul Fox, president, and Mr Rony Pilgrim, honorary secretary. Among those present were:

The Hon Douglas Hurd, MP, Mr M and Lady Susan Hussey, Lady Wheldon, Sir Robin Day, Sir Alastair Burnet, Sir Geoffrey and Lady Cox, Mrs Fox, Mrs Pilgrim, Mrs Betty Fox, Mr and Mrs John Gau, Dr B Henderson, Mr and Mrs Michael Cherkland, Mr and Mrs Bill Brown, Mr and Mrs David Nicholas, Mr and Mrs Aubrey Singer, Mr and Mrs Patrick Dromgoole, Mr Bill Cotton, Mr and Mrs Tom Mayer, Mr and Mrs Julian Kerr, Mr and Mrs John Whitney, Mr and Mrs Richard Dunn, Mr and Mrs Brian Tesler, Mr and Mrs David Glencross, Mr and Mrs Leslie Hill, Mr and Mrs Stuart Samson, Mr Peter Dimmock, Mr Bryan Cowgill, Mr Justin Dukes, Mr Alan Whicker, Mr and Mrs Phil Sidey, Mr and Mrs David Justham and Mr and Mrs James Gatward.

Forthcoming marriages

Major H.St J. Holcroft and Miss S.J. Brooks
The engagement is announced between Harry Holcroft, The Blues and Royals, youngest son of the late Mr Oliver Holcroft and of Mrs Gabrielle Holcroft, of Upton-on-Severn, Worcestershire, and Sarah, eldest daughter of Mr Christopher Brooks, of Tonsley Road, Wandsworth, and of Viscountess Rothermere, of Eaton Square.

Mr P.A. Praz and Miss C.M. Cunningham
The engagement is announced between Pierre Alain, son of M and Mme F. Praz, of Veysonnaz, Valais, Switzerland, and Caroline Mary, daughter of Lieutenant-General Sir Hugh and Lady Cunningham, of East Knoyle, Salisbury, Wiltshire.

Mr A.M.L. Cazalet and Miss A.T. Saville
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs Peter G. Cazalet, of London, and Amanda, daughter of Mr John D. Saville and the late Mrs Moira Saville, of Ullenhall, Warwickshire.

Dr R.J. Cohen and Miss A.P. Craig
The engagement is announced between Robin, son of Dr and Dr Johnathan Cohen, and Amanda, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Dennis Craig, of Rome, Italy.

Mr J.M. Davies and Miss J.E. Aubrey-Fletcher
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, only son of Mr and Mrs F.A. Davies, of Valewood Farm House, Haslemere, and Jane, only daughter of Mr and Mrs L.P. Aubrey-Fletcher, of Wychden, Chobham, Surrey.

Mr E.J.M. Douwes, Jnr, and Miss I.A.M. Brenninkmeijer
The engagement is announced between Evert, eldest son of Mr and Mrs E.J.M. Douwes, of Amsterdam, The Netherlands, and Ingeborg, daughter of Mrs A.A.M. Brenninkmeijer-de Vilder, of London.

Mr S.R. Fisher Crouch and Miss C.L.T. Searle
The engagement is announced between Stephen, only son of Mr and Mrs R.S. Fisher Crouch, of Elmwood House, Fontmell Magna, Dorset, and Corinne, second daughter of Dr and Mrs J.S.T. Searle, of Corner House, Great Torrington, Devon.

Mr M.A. Loveday and Miss A.A. Shrimsley
The engagement is announced between Mark, son of the late Mr Stanley G. Loveday and Mrs Marisa Loveday, of Westminster, and Amanda, daughter of Mr and Mrs Bernard Shrimsley, of Kensington.

Herr T.G.E. Fülling and Miss J.E.B. Goodchild
The marriage will take place on November 30, at the Town Hall and the Church of St Antonius, Wuppertal-Barmen, West Germany, between Thomas, eldest son of Herr G. Fülling and Frau H. Fülling, and Janice, eldest daughter of Dr W.M. Goodchild and Mrs S.D. Goodchild.

Mr R.J.G. Madden and Miss C. Martin
The engagement is announced between Richard, only son of Mr Francis Madden and Mrs Gillian Madden, Mount House, Henham, Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire, and Catherine, eldest daughter of Dr and Mrs A. Martin, Inverness, Scotland.

Mr P.P. Makower and Miss J.M. Munro
The engagement is announced between Peter Paul, son of Mr C.S. Makower, MC, and Mrs Makower, of Theydon Bois, Essex, and Janice Mairi, daughter of Mr and Mrs R.C.L. Munro, of Leverstock Green, Hertfordshire.

Mr D.B. Noble and Miss J.A. Bunch
The engagement is announced between David Balfour, youngest son of Mrs C.S. Noble and the late Mr C.S. Noble, of St Andrews, Fife, and Julie Ann, only daughter of the late Mr N.C. Bunch and Mrs P.D. Manning and stepdaughter of Mr P.D. Manning, of Cobham, Surrey.

Mr R.V.M. Summerson and Miss J.T. Hughes
The engagement is announced between Rupert, youngest son of Mrs J. Summerson and the late Mr T.H. Summerson, OBE, of Errogie, Inverness, and Janet, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs G.T. Hughes, of Eastwood, Sydney, Australia.

Marriages

Mr G. Westerhuis and Miss H.E. White
The marriage took place in Sydney on Wednesday, October 28, 1987, between Mr George Westerhuis, of Cairns, Northern Queensland, and Miss Helen Elizabeth White, of St Albans, Hertfordshire.

The honeymoon will be spent in Indonesia.

Mr A.G.B. Young and Mrs J.S. Muir
The marriage took place on October 31, in London, of Mr Archibald Grahame Bain Young to Mrs Jane Shiels Muir (née Scott). The Very Rev Dr J. Fraser McLuskey officiated.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen will open the new London City Airport in the Royal Docks at 2.45.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother will visit the Field of Remembrance at St Margaret's, Westminster, at 11.55; and will attend a concert given by the London Symphony Orchestra at the Festival Hall at 7.30.

Prince Edward will attend a reception at the Wembley Conference Centre and a concert in Wembley Arena given by Marillion at 7.15, in aid of the Muscular Dystrophy Group of Great Britian and Northern Ireland.

The Princess Royal, President of the Riding for the Disabled Association, will attend the annual meeting of the association at the Corn Exchange, Cambridge, at 10.10; and, as President of the Royal Yachting Association, will attend a dinner at the Royal Thames Yacht Club, 60 Knightsbridge, at 7.35, during International Yacht Racing Union Week.

Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester will attend a banquet given by the Nigerian Conservation Foundation at the Banqueting House, Whitehall, at 7.45.

The Duke of Kent, Vice Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, will visit Crosfield Electronics, Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire, at 10.45; and Perkins Engines, Peterborough, at 2.45.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Washington Allston, painter, Brook Green Domain, South Carolina, 1779; James Elroy Flecker, poet, author of *Hassan*, London, 1884; John Burdon Haldane, physiologist and geneticist, Bhubaneswar, India, 1892; Vivien Leigh, Darjeeling, India, 1913.

DEATHS: Pierre Choderlos de Laclos, soldier, author of *Les Liaisons Dangereuses*, Taranto, Italy, 1803; Angelica Kauffmann, painter, Rome, 1807; James Clerk Maxwell, physicist, Cambridge, 1879; August Weismann, biologist, Freiburg im Breisgau, 1914; Christian Eijkman, physician, Nobel laureate 1929; Utrecht, 1930; George M. Cohan, actor and song-writer, New York, 1942; Maurice Utrillo, painter, Vésinet, France, 1955; Mack Sennett, creator of the Keystone Kops, Hollywood, 1960.

Lord Carlisle of Bucklow

The life barony conferred upon Mr Mark Carlisle, QC, has been gazetted by the name, style and title of Baron Carlisle of Bucklow, of Mobberley in the County of Cheshire.

Lord Jenkin of Roding

The life barony conferred upon Mr Charles Patrick Fleeming Jenkin has been gazetted by the name, style and title of Baron Jenkin of Roding, of Wanstead and Woodford in Greater London.

Appointments

Mr J.W.R. Shakespeare to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Morocco. He *succeeds Mr* R.A.C. Byatt who is taking up a *further diplomatic service post.*

Captain Sir Iain Mark Tennant to be Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

Mr Mike Malone to be principal finance officer (Under Secretary) at the Home Office on loan from the Department of Health and Social Security. He replaces Mr John Halliday who goes on loan to the DHSS.

Latest wills

Sir Hugh Linstead, of Putney, south-west London, Conservative MP for Putney 1942-64, left estate valued at £130,650 net.

Professor Colin Beattie, of Sheffield, professor of bacteriology at Sheffield University 1946-67, and an international authority on toxoplasmosis, left estate valued at £278,630 net. After a few small bequests, the remainder of his estate goes in trust for his wife for life and then to the university.

Mr Henry Charles Beales, of Little Ellingham, Norfolk, left estate valued at £1,035,243 net.

Mr Stefan Maximilian Mendelsohn, of central London, a financial writer and author of *Money on the Move*, left estate in England and Wales valued at £185,981 net.

Other estates include (net before tax paid):

Brown, Doris Rose, of Bexhill-on-Sea, East Sussex £459,612

Day, Denis Frank, of Chiswick High Road, west London £483,554

Printers' Charitable Corporation

The Printers' Charitable Corporation, at its 160th festival dinner at the London Hilton on October 29, announced that the president for next year would be the Earl of Stockton. ...

Dinners

Lord Mayor
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress entertained at dinner last night at the Mansion House the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Governor and Directors of the Bank of England, bankers and merchants of the City of London, members of the Court of Aldermen, the Sheriffs, the Chief Commoner and members of the Court of Common Council. The speakers were the Lord Mayor, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Governor of the Bank of England, the Chairman of the Stock Exchange and the Chairman of Lloyd's. The other guests included Mrs Nigel Lawson, Mrs Robin Leigh-Pemberton, Lady Goodison, Mrs Peter Miller, Sir Charles Trinder and Sir Murray Fox.

Anglo-Brazilian Society
The Brazilian Ambassador, President of the Anglo-Brazilian Society, and the Earl of Dartmouth, chairman, and the Countess of Dartmouth received the guests at a dinner held last night at the Dorchester hotel. The guest of honour was Sir William Harding. Among those present were:

The Portuguese Ambassador and Senhora Hall Themido, the Ambassador of Uruguay and Senor Sole-Romeo, the Brazilian Minister of State for the Army and Senhora Pires Gonçalves, Lady Harding, Sir David and Lady Hunt, Sir Derek and Lady Dodson, Sir Kenneth and Lady James and Senhor and Senhora Sylvesio Sampaio Gues.

Equipment Leasing Association
The Chairman of the Equipment Leasing Association, Mr Alan Outten, was last night host at the association's annual dinner held at the Hotel Intercontinental. The principal guest and speaker was the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, Lord Young of Graffham. Mr Roy Fullelove proposed the toast to the guests to which Mr Tom Lyon responded.

International Maritime Industries Forum
The International Maritime Industries Forum held its annual dinner last night at the Inn on the Park Hotel. The chairman, Mr J.G. Davis, presided and the speaker at the dinner was Lord Brabazon of Tara, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department of Transport, and Minister for Shipping. Among those present were:

The Chinese and Liberian Ambassadors, the Earl of Limerick, Sir Edward du Cann, Dame Shelagh Roberts, MEP, Sir Anthony Buck, MP, Sir Brian Shaw, Sir Keith Stuart, Admiral Sir Anthony Griffin, Mr S Ikeda, Mr N Bach, Sir Julian Ridsdale, MP, Rear Admiral P G Hammersley, Mr Rex Megan, Sir Morgan Morgan-Giles, Mr R T Fox, Mr T John Parker, Captain Sir Miles Wingate, Mr W Fanin, Mr B Vieillard-Baron, Mr N Wirting, Sir James Duncan, Mr R Mau, Mr R Cartwright, Commodore G G Greenfield and Mr R C M Cooper.

All those in favour of keeping the dog licence sign here:



According to the latest figures, an estimated 200,000 dogs are registered as strays each year: over 40% are destroyed. So, lack of Government action will condemn to death another 80,000 unwanted dogs in the next 12 months.

Now the Government intends to abolish the dog licence as part of new legislation currently going through Parliament.

Don't let the Government turn its back on the stray dog problem. Support the RSPCA's Charter for Responsible Dog Ownership. For your free Information Pack, simply fill in the coupon and return it to: RSPCA, FREEPOST, Northampton, NN4 0BR. Or better still, telephone (0604) 767676 now.

RSPCA

I want to know more about the RSPCAs Charter for Responsible Dog Ownership. Please send me my free Information Pack.

Name: _____

Address _____

_____ Postcode _____

RSPCA, FREEPOST, Northampton, NN4 0BR. Freepost means we pay the postage but you could use a stamp: more of our precious funds will be available to prevent cruelty to animals.

OBITUARY

MR WILLIAM LUKE

Business and good works

Mr William (Billy) Luke, businessman and wartime intelligence officer, died on October 30. He was 78.

William Edgell Luke was born on June 9, 1909, and educated at Kelvinside Academy, Glasgow. He then went into the Linen Thread Company where his father was managing director.

At the outbreak of war he joined the Navy. Then, approached by MI5, he joined the Intelligence Corps. He served in British Honduras and in South Africa; but the bulk of his time was spent in London, where he was concerned with disinforming German spies in Britain.

The rest of his war was taken up with this secretive "double game". One of his disinformation successes involved a Yugoslav double agent, and he was, in 1944, made a member of the Royal Order of the Crown of Yugoslavia.

After the war Luke returned to the Linen Thread Company and built up a thriving business. He served as managing director and chairman, from which latter post he retired in 1979, although he had stepped down from his executive duties a few years earlier.

There were, however, many other demands on his time and talents. After the war he became a member of the grand council of the Federation of British Industries (now, the CBI) and served for over twenty-five years.

In the mid-1960s he became chairman of the United Kingdom-South Africa Trade Association, and remained in office until 1979, latterly as president. He also represented South African interests on the British National Export Council, and he was a council member of Aims of Industry.

Luke himself was vehemently opposed to *apartheid* and did not hesitate to speak his mind at a time long before it had become fashionable. Nevertheless, he felt strongly that trade links between the two countries were to the benefit of everyone.

Perhaps, above all these, he was most satisfied with his work for the blind, as chairman (1963-7) of Industrial Advisers to the Blind, the body responsible for the workshops for the blind — a venture which he helped to get off the ground.

As a businessman, Billy Luke had an eye to values as well as to profits. Away from the rigours of the office, he was a keen poker player (Master of the Worshipful Company of Makers of Playing Cards, 1958) who also enjoyed his wine and cigars.

He was twice married, and leaves a widow, Anne, a son and daughter of his first marriage, and two daughters of the second.

MR CHRISTOPHER DILKE

Mr Christopher Dilke, who died on November 1, at the age of 73, was head of the BBC's English By Radio and Television Service, and was a a pioneer in the organization of English-Teaching By Television.

Educated at Winchester and Trinity College, Cambridge, he studied languages at Freiburg University.

After a period in publishing and journalism, he served in Anti-Aircraft Command in London and then as a battery commander in France, Belgium and Holland, being mentioned in despatches. He ended the war as a lieutenant-colonel in Germany where he helped to re-establish a free Press.

He then entered the BBC German Language Service, where he played a leading role as organizer, writer, and broadcaster. He played a similar role in BBC broadcasts to southern Europe.

Dilke next took charge of English By Radio, rapidly extending it into the television sphere. His linguistic ability made him an effective ambassador of the service, and his culture, talent and personality helped him to cooperate with the many organizations engaged in English teaching.

He was also the author of seven novels, the first of which, *The Bridge Head*, was published at the end of the war.

In retirement he pursued his literary interests, giving extramural lectures on modern literature for Bristol University.

Dilke had a lifelong affinity with Hispanic culture, and during his travels in Peru he got on the track of a seventeenth century manuscript which was a petition sent by a Peruvian Inca chief to the King of Spain, describing the oppression of his people by their conquerors. Dilke translated and published this document for the first time.

Christopher Dilke was a witty conversationalist with a zest for life. He was a connoisseur of food and wine on which he wrote and discoursed with great descriptive talent.

He is survived by his widow, a son, and three daughters.

LORD COBBOLD

Sir William Heseltine writes:

Your obituary of Lord Cobbold (November 3) devoted only a sentence to his service as Lord Chamberlain to The Queen from 1963 to 1971. To his colleagues in the Household, he presented a very much warmer personality than the one which you described.

He was the first Lord Chamberlain to have come from the professional world, and his impact on the Office and the Household was considerable. Not only did he bring an awareness of the advantages of modern management techniques (he instigated, within a few years of his arrival, a management study), he also turned his attention to the question of recruiting to the Household, from a wider base, persons whose qualifications he judged essential to the changing circumstances in which the Monarchy functions.

Not least important among the suggestions which he put forward for consideration by The Queen was the widening of guest lists at Buckingham Palace, to ensure that a broader cross section of the population of Britain and the Commonwealth was entertained. The Garden Parties assumed a less traditional appearance as each year they included more and more people who had never entered Buckingham Palace before, and perhaps had never expected to do so.

Another innovation of his time as Lord Chamberlain was the informal lunchs at Buckingham Palace — so informal that even now they are not recorded in the Court Circular — at which The Queen and Prince Philip are able to meet and talk at length to representatives of every type of organization and talent.

To all these tasks were added the traditional responsibilities of the Lord Chamberlain for ensuring that Court Ceremonial proceeded with the perfection for which Britain has, in recent years, been justly renowned.

Those who urge and bring about changes in historic institutions are seldom universally popular, but Kim Cobbold won both the respect and affection of members of the Royal Family and colleagues in the Royal Household.

DR HERBERT MILLS

Dr Herbert Mills, MC, who has died at the age of 70, was Rector of the Edinburgh Academy from 1962 to 1967.

He was educated at King's College, London, and then had a year at Grenoble University. On the outbreak of war he enlisted in the Somerset Light Infantry, transferred to the Parachute Regiment and was dropped into Normandy on the eve of D-Day. For his part in the capture of the Pegasus bridge at Rainville he was awarded the MC.

Like many, he found it difficult to settle down after the war. He went to Cambridge, where he read economics, later switching to modern and mediaeval languages, and won Rugby Blues in 1947 and 1948.

After a period of research at Cambridge, a Commonwealth fellowship at Pennsylvania University and a period at Kemsley newspapers, he settled on a teaching career. After a time at Sedbergh he moved to the Edinburgh Academy as Rector.

A bachelor for most of his life, he married, in July of this year, Rosalind Henn, whom he had first met at an economics lecture at Cambridge.

HARRY ROCHE

Harry Roche, distinguished trombonist, died on November 3.

No one who has listened to Frank Sinatra's "Great Songs from Great Britain" will easily forget Roche's contribution to that record, especially his solo on "A Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square". At the session, Sinatra fluffed the last 8 bars and was asked if he would like to re-record again from the top. He replied: "No way, I'll edit the end because the trombone solo was so beautifully played".

Roche started his professional career in the late 1930s when, after training at the Duke of York's Army School, he joined the Henry Hall Orchestra. During the war he served with the RAF and played in the Sky Rockets. After the war he joined the great Ted Heath Band.

The apogee of his career was, perhaps, when Johnny Mercer asked him to bring his orchestra. The Harry Roche Constellation, to accompany the singer/composer on an hour-long television special and join him on his record "Johnny Mercer Sings the Songs of Johnny Mercer".

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good, and what doth The Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?
Micah 6 8

BIRTHS

AVERILL - On October 26th, to Miles and Torill, a daughter, Polly.

BENSON - On November 2nd, to Harriet (née Bunting) and George, a son, Alexander.

BROOKS - On November 2nd, to Janet (née Leggott) and Jonathan, a son Jack Christopher, a brother to George, Tabitha, and Henrietta.

de WALDEN - On November 3rd 1987, to Camilla (née Thin) and Ludovic, a son.

EMMS On October 17th, in Hong Kong, to Fabienne and John, a daughter, Jade Francoise.

FOOTE - On November 3rd, to Laura (née Meek) and Nathaniel, a daughter, Eleanor Hanlon.

HAMPTON On November 1st, to Giselle (née Linton) and Tim, a daughter, Jessica Kate.

HARLOW - On October 23rd, to Carol (née Mathews) and Roger, a son, William Robert.

MARTIN - On November 3rd, in Rome, to Anna and Nicholas, a daughter, Isabel, a sister for Harry and Nicola.

MOCHAN - On October 30th, to Honor (née Powell) and Peter, a son, Hugo James John.

NOBLE - On November 1st, to Susie (née Middleton) and Richard Noble, a daughter, Georgina Sarah.

NORMAN - On November 3rd, in London, to Jenny (née Wolfe) and Jarlath, a son, Benjamin Jarlath.

PELHAM - On November 3rd, at The Westminster Hospital to Sarah (née Charlton) and Henry, a son, a brother for Sophie and Clare.

ROBERTSON - On October 22nd, to Michelle (née Cleaver) and Bernard, a daughter Philippa Rose, a sister for James and Elspeth.

SCOTT-GATTY - On October 29th, to Sue (nee Hayllar) and James, a son, Thomas James.

SLATOR GOODDY - On October 29th, to Helen and Tom, a daughter, Arabella.

MARRIAGES

HEATH:FREDERICK - On October 10th 1987, in San Francisco, Brent, son of the late Mr. Edwin Heath and Mrs. Ella Heath of Phoenix, Arizona, to Helen, eldest daughter of the late Dr. Edward V Frederick of Telscombe Cliffs, and Mrs Joan Frederick of Saltdean, Sussex.

DIAMOND ANNIVERSARIES

BOUNDY:MORRIS - On November 5th 1927, in Liverpool, Harold and Betty. Congratulations from their loving family.

DEATHS

BADGER - On November 2nd 1987, in Bangkok, Susie (née Macrae). Cremation in Bangkok on November 7th

BURROW - On October 31st, peacefully, Harold M.R.C.V.S., D.V.S.M., Emeritus Professor of Veterinary Medicine, The Royal Veterinary College, University of London, aged 84.

DAUNCEY - On November 2nd, Dr. Amy, widow of Kingsley, and late of West Coker, Charmouth and Shaldon. A fine example. A Good woman. Much loved. Much missed. Family flowers only. Cremation at Exeter on Friday 6th November. A Thanksgiving service at a later date.

DAVIS - On November 3rd 1987, peacefully at her home, Jane (née Lambert) for over 45 years the most precious wife of Patrick and so loved by him and her sons James, Crispin, Nigel and Ian and her twelve grandchildren. Funeral service at Penshurst Church on Tuesday November 10th at 11.30am, followed by private Cremation. Cut flowers only please, and enquiries to: H.J. Johnston & Son, Penshurst 870372.

DRUMMOND - On November 2nd 1987, after a short illness, in Oxford, Margaret, devoted wife of the late Hugh Drummond and loved mother of Anne Murison-Bowie, loving grandmother and great grandmother. Funeral Service November 6th 3.00pm at St. Mary Magdalene Church, Woodstock. Flowers may be sent to Jerrams Brothers, Woodstock.

EVANS - On November 2nd 1987, peacefully at home, in her 79th year, Margaret Faraday Evans OBE, former headmistress of Fan Silvestre School, Lima, Peru. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Cancer Research. Enquiries to E R Hickmott & Son, 41 Grove Hill Road, Tunbridge Wells, Tel 0892 22462.

GILLINGHAM - On October 31st, Kenneth John, Priest of the Diocese of Llandaff, aged 69. The body to be received in St. Saviours Church, Splott, Cardiff, on Thursday 5th November at 6.30 pm. The reception will be followed by Rosary and a requiem Mass. The Funeral Mass to take place at the Parish Church of Cardiff, St Mary the Virgin, Bute Street, on Monday 9th November, at 12.00 noon, followed by burial at St Pauls Church, Sketty, Swansea, at 3pm. Friends are invited to concelebrate at both masses. No flowers, donations to St. Saviours Centenary Fund. Requiescat in Pace.

GRIMSDALE - On November 3rd, peacefully, John Rowan, of Robinswood, Pilsdown, aged 70. Very dear husband of Louise, much loved father of David, Sally and Susie. Grandfather of Peter and Karen and step-father of Sarah. Service at 12 noon on Friday November 6th at St. Andrew and St. Mary the Virgin, Fletching. Flowers may be sent to Fuller & Scott, The Wakelyns, Uckfield 3241.

HUNTER - On 3rd November, at Ferrycarrig Hotel, Wexford, Eire, Robert aged 85 years beloved husband of Ruth and father of Robert and John, co-founder of Rawlinson & Hunter, Chartered Accountants, peacefully. Funeral in Wexford on Sunday 8th November. Flowers and enquires to Ferrycarrig Hotel Tel: 53-22999.

JOHNSON - On Monday November 3rd 1987, in hospital, after a brief illness, Sophia Dyke, aged 88 years of East Street, Chickerell. Much loved by her family and friends. Private Cremation, followed by Funeral Service at St Mary's Church Chickerell, on Monday November 9th at 2.30pm. Family flowers only, but if desired donations please for the Arthritic and Rhuematism Council for Research to 1 Victoria Road, Salisbury, Wilts

KILSBY - On November 2nd, 1987, after a long illness, Dr Philip Kilsby. Beloved husband of Barbara, dear father of Katrina, father-in-law of William, grandfather of Isobel and Lotti. Family mourners only. Floral tributes to Le Roy Funeral Service, Exeter, Friday, November 6th, by 9.30 am.

LINSTEAD - On November 2nd, peacefully, Lady Marjorie Linstead, widow of Sir Patrick Linstead FRS. Private cremation. Memorial Service to be held later.

MacINTYRE - On Saturday October 31st, Oda, much loved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, at the Western Infirmary, Glasgow. Committal Service at Glasgow Crematorium, Maryhill, on Friday November 6th, at 12noon. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to the Western Infirmary, Ward G6 Fund.

MILLMAN - On October 28th 1987, Iris, beloved wife of the late Guy. She will be greatly missed by Audrey, nephew David, family and her many friends.

PARKE - On October 15th, Ernest Blain Parke M.B.E., former Lloyds Underwriter, peacefully at Ticehurst Nursing Home. Funeral Service, November 5th at Kent & Sussex Crematorium, Benhall Mill Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent at 11.00am. No mourning by request.

PHILP On October 25th 1987, suddenly in hospital Dr Alexander George devoted husband of the late Margaret and much loved father of Bruce, Jane and Alastair. Funeral service at St Pauls Church, Brentford, Middlesex at 1.15pm on Tuesday November 10th to which all friends are respectively invited. Flowers may be sent to F. Sargeants, 44 Half Acre, Brentford. Tel 01 560 7499

QADRI - On November 2nd, Barrister Shafqat Ullah Qadri, loving husband of Sheila Fatima Isal Qadri, son of Firasat Ullah Kadri and beloved father. Will those who respected him in life, will they respect his memory by offering a prayer.

RYAN - On November 3rd, suddenly at home in North Curry, Somerset, Rosemary Violet Ridgway Ryan aged 75. Funeral Service at North Curry on Monday November 9th at 2.45pm for family and close friends, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to King George's Fund for Sailors, through Leonard E. Smith Funeral Directors, 1 Haydon Road, Taunton. A Service of Thanksgiving will be announced later.

SINCLAIR - On November 4th 1987, peacefully in his sleep, at home, Jock Sinclair (Sinbad). Cremation private, no flowers. Donations if desired to Oxford University Development Office (Campaign for Oxford), University Offices, Wellington Square, Oxford, OX1 2JD.

VENTRIS - On November 1st, Lois Elizabeth A.R.I.B.A. at University College Hospital London. Cremation at Golders Green East Chapel on Friday 6th November at 2.20pm. No flowers please, donations to Amnesty International, 5 Roberts Place, off Bowling Green Lane, London EC1R 0EJ.

WARREN - On October 31st 1987, John Douglas, aged 48, of Carshalton Beeches. Service at South London Crematorium on Thursday November 5th at 3.30pm. No flowers please. Donations, if desired, to British Heart Foundation.

WILSON - On November 2nd 1987, peacefully, Joyce, widow of Ken Wilson and formerly of Percy Gilbraud. Service at Tunstall, Friday November 6th at 1.30, followed by cremation. No Flowers.

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COBBOLD A Service of thanksgiving for the life of Lady Blanche Cobbold, will be held at Saint Andrew's Church, Little Glemham, Woodbridge, on Tuesday 10th November, at 2.30pm.

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BOOKS

A serious man of plays

Peter Ackroyd reviews the life and work of a dramatist who wants to be a prophet in the land of showbiz

TIMEBENDS
A Life
By Arthur Miller
Methuen, £17.95

Arthur Miller sounds and looks like the quintessential American; and, on those occasions when his prose is lightly touched with imperial purple, sometimes he even writes like one. But this is an illusion. He is quite out of place in the United States – not because of his erstwhile Marxism or the diagnoses of American ills in his drama, but because he is a man of traditional values in a nation with no real faith in tradition, a moralist in a society that avoids serious moral debate, a classical tragedian in a culture that relies upon the more obvious charms of show business. This is the autobiography of a playwright in the wrong country.

Miller was a first generation New Yorker of Polish-Jewish parents, and his lifelong preoccupation with the nature of "public justice and mercy" can surely be traced to that Jewish inheritance. But there were more immediate influences, too, and some of the most powerful passages in this book concern his childhood in Harlem and Brooklyn – "the view from the floor", as he calls it, when he gazed with wonder at those innumerable relatives who, before the Depression (Miller was born in 1915), thought that their prosperity was as permanent as their faith.

Everything changed in the Thirties, of course, and that unhappy transition may in part account for the curious paradox of Miller's personality: he seems rooted not in self-satisfaction but in a definite feeling of self-worth (why else write an autobiography?), and yet in this account of his life there are intimations of fragility and loss. It is as if he were constantly balancing Success in one hand and Doom in the other. That is why his description of America after the "crash" is so suggestive, of course, and there is no doubt that his clairvoyant understanding of human suffering was shaped by the events of the Depression.

If he was going to be a dramatist, then, it was one who would try to "change the world". But the only thing that really changed was himself and, at the same time as he conceived the desire to create an audience "made up of all the people", he became increasingly aware of his own isolation as a writer. That same double focus persists throughout the book – oscillating between Miller's own success and the failure of others, between his good fortune and the misfortune of "the masses" whose stories he wished to tell. It is as if the guilt he felt at surpassing the other members of his family was displaced by endless pity for victims everywhere. Such ambiguities can be resolved in drama but not necessarily in autobiography, and if there is one weakness in this otherwise admirable book it lies in Miller's theoretical analyses of political or social life – it is not that they are inapposite or mistaken, it is just that they are hardly the original inventions of Arthur Miller.

Nevertheless this is autobiography as art, one in which the necessity for self-revelation is balanced by considerations of euphony, and in which the search for significance is matched only by a concern with form. *Timebends* is not an elegant title, but it does suggest the way in which the curves and parabolas of time enter this narrative, so that a certain place or person can evoke for Miller different parts of his own life. Chronology here is less important than psychology, therefore, although only a very lazy reader would find it difficult to construct a working model of Miller's life.

He went from New York to the University of Michigan; then in his early twenties he was stifled by his lack of success, and took up various occupations to subsidize his writing. Great fame arrived with *Death of a Salesman*, but he followed that triumph with plays which are now held in just as much esteem – *The Crucible* and *A View From The Bridge* among them. But he was not universally admired at the time. In England a writer's relationship to his society is either taken for granted or discounted in advance, but in America it is the crucially important issue. That is why much of this book concerns Miller's increasingly rough ride on the back of his society – his quondam Marxism, his refusal to co-operate with the House Un-American Activities Committee, even his latter-day presidency of PEN have kept him in a political arena where on occasions he has been almost gored to death.

And so the central dilemma remains – how did this writer who believes in "the dramatist as a species of truth-revealing leader" cope with a country which both in political and cultural terms seems content with what is merely entertaining? Is the business of America really just show business – that is the question Miller reiterates, and

Glynn Boyd Harte



one which is thrown into stark relief by his marriage to Marilyn Monroe. Of course Monroe has been an essential part of his life, and some of the most lyrical passages in this autobiography are devoted to her memory. And yet he manages to exorcize all the usual clichés by pointing to her dark childhood and her troubled mind: although for similar reasons he might have felt able to extend his sympathy to America itself. But perhaps that would be to ask the impossible: no one is ever fully able to reconcile the politics of human relationships with the politics of the general society, and the inability to achieve such a resolution is often the point of Miller's own drama.

Timebends ends somewhat inconclusively; but unfinished lives are necessarily inconclusive. In the final moments of *The Misfits* someone asks, "What is there that stays?", and as an answer this autobiography suggests that neither human ideology nor human achievement can win any real permanence. What "stays" is the need to find some ultimate and abiding purpose in existence; and it is to Miller's credit that the search for that purpose has animated his drama no less than it has shaped his life.

Wild shore of love

FICTION
Isabel Raphael

LAING
By Ann Schlee
Macmillan, £10.95

CIVIL TO STRANGERS
By Barbara Pym
Macmillan, £11.95

Ann Schlee's third novel, Laing, is an extraordinary piece of work: vivid, dramatic and intensely moving. It is historical in the best sense: not a panorama peppered with well-known characters and references to events that appear embarrassingly arch in the perspective of the present day, but an intimate view of a group of people whose story is rooted in a particular time and place. Ann Schlee possesses a remarkable gift for enabling the reader to enter a past world, enlightened but unshackled by modern concepts and prejudices.

Her characters are not 20th-century men and women dressed in period costume, but people so moulded by their education, culture and religion that their actions and reactions, however alien to our contemporary experience, carry complete conviction. The emotional claustrophobia captured so subtly in Rhine Journey and The Proprietor is caught again here, but without any hint of Fowlesian interpretation in the light of post-Freudian psychology; the wholly admirable result is a strong sense of rightness, almost of the destiny Laing himself believes in, which justifies the apparent excesses of this strange tale.

Alexander Laing is already an old Africa hand when he lands in Tripoli in May 1825. He has explored the inland regions of Sierra Leone in search of the source of the Niger; now his goal is Timbuctoo, unvisited as yet by any European. A Scot in the vein of Mungo Park, he dreams of trade routes and the fame and fortune that will surely come when he publishes his diaries and notes, meticulously detailed accounts of peoples and places, distances, temperatures and terrain. Tripoli is merely the threshold of his journey. As he gazes from his ship to the coastline, he can pick out a grove of palm trees outside the town which will serve perfectly for an overnight camp while he waits for the caravan, duly organized by letter, to set him on his way across the Sahara. Though schooled in patience as soldier and explorer, he is eager to be gone. He is athirst for glory.

Two long months later the caravan departs, and with it a much-altered Laing. He is schooled now in the machinations of Consul and Bashaw, indebted far beyond the allowance made to him by the British Government, and committed to a change of route that is to bring him not to the great river's source but back to Tripoli and to Emma, the Consul's daughter. Their attachment stems from the tedium and frustration felt by Laing as precious time passes in untrustworthy and extravagant negotiations that go bitterly against the grain. His feelings find an echo in Emma, who at 17 is experiencing emotions that lie dormant in the more acquiescent females of the expatriate community. She is in love with love, a prey to desires she does not understand, and a danger zone for all the men in her constricted circle. Only her father remains blind to her burgeoning sensuality, so that his reaction to Laing's declaration sets in train melodrama and then tragedy.

And Laing? Does he reach the fabled city of Timbuctoo? In the end it hardly matters. The journey leads ever onward, through extremes of heat and dust that desiccate the spirit as well as the body. The road reveals loyalty and trust and treachery, and self-knowledge distorted by Laing's now conflicting passions. Both he and Emma, tortured separately by the thirst that has drawn them together, have to learn "the true nature of water that a man comes to know only in the desert", he its sweetness, she its delicious scent: "I might never have known that had it not been for the thirst." But that is in another country, with Laing far beyond her reach.

Filling the background is a rich cast of Europeans and Arabs, lovingly and evocatively portrayed, a frame of humanity outlining the ever-present canvas of North Africa. The menace and mystery of the land filter through Ann Schlee's beautifully controlled writing, which manages to be both robust and cool, and sets all five senses to work. I would go to Tripoli if only to look for Timoleon Rousseau's grave, so convinced was I of the authenticity of detail and style throughout. I longed only for a map, and hope that later editions will be provided with end-papers to go with the exquisite Frère painting on the cover of this bold and remarkable book.

It was a wrench to move from the drought-stricken Sahara to the genteel vicarages of Barbara Pym; and only her most dedicated fans will derive much satisfaction from this collection of minor works. The best are the title novel, an early, sketchy piece with a tartness that redeems the extreme silliness of the story, and the beginning of a wartime novel that has tantalizing possibilities. The worst is a spy story that is quite terrible. £11.95 seems a lot to pay for these few last scrapings; I should wait for the paperback.

Victorian values

Victoria Glendinning

A WOMAN OF PASSION
The Life of E.Nesbit, 1858-1924
By Julia Briggs
Hutchinson, £16.95



A writer who never grew up

Julia Briggs calls E.Nesbit "the first modern writer for children". Although she had been writing poems and stories non-stop since her teens, real success did not come until she was 40; her classic adventure stories, including *The Story of the Treasure Seekers*, the many other novels about the Bastable family, and *The Railway Children*, were all written in a burst of energy between 1899 and 1910.

Energy was her most outstanding characteristic. "Drama, drama, keeps women *going*," she said. The "E" is for Edith – and Edith was unpredictable, moody, a banger of doors and, on her bad days, a maker of scenes, "a person who never quite grown up," as she said. She was also adventurous, warm, hospitable, and handsome. This is primarily a literary biography, investigating the influences, incidents and preoccupations behind the works; but the drama of Edith's personal life was such that this book's appeal is not limited to specialists.

Still in her teens, she fell in love with Hubert Bland, a Cockney brush-manufacturer with aspirations that matched her own. He married her when she was seven months pregnant with their first child, but did not mention that he was committed to a young woman who lived in his mother's house; he continued this affair for another 10 years, absenting himself from Edith for two or three nights a week. Hubert and Edith began writing sketches and stories in collaboration, and later he was to become a celebrated columnist and reviewer. They were among the earliest members of the Fabian Society, while, as they prospered, enjoying a thoroughly bourgeois standard of living.

Edith conceived a passion for G.B. Shaw, and his failure to respond fully was the greatest disappointment of her life. Later she surrounded herself with admiring younger men, with whom her relations were part maternal, part sexual. Both the Blands practised a "determined childishness". The oddest thing about their ménage was the presence of Alice Hoatson, who was Edith's bosom friend and became Hubert's mistress. Alice lived with them for years, and bore two children by the master of the house. Edith had three children; all five called Alice "Auntie".

Just how all this was managed is not made clear. Doris Langley Moore, in her earlier biography of E. Nesbit, was inhibited from saying all she knew. Julia Briggs has the benefit of Mrs Langley Moore's unused material and of her own researches, but she seems still unsure of how much the outside world, or the children, understood. At one point Edith and Alice were pregnant simultaneously. Perhaps the "progressive" dress they wore made pregnancy imperceptible. All the children were called Bland; Rosamund, who was seduced by H.G. Wells, was one of *Alice's*.

Nor is it clear what Edith felt about the situation; no wonder she banged doors. Alice's children, referred to as "Edith's children" even by Julia Briggs, stayed with Edith after the two women separated following Hubert's death. But Edith left them nothing in her will, and she attributed her happiness with her rough, kind second husband to the fact that it was the first time she had possessed a man's whole heart. Alice ended her life poor and alone, fantasizing about non-existent letters and visits from the young people she called her "niece and nephew". The more one learns about Victorian and Edwardian public morality, the more apt seems its atmosphere for sexual irregularity. What cannot be spoken about cannot exist.

Making of a writer

Allan Massie

FOR LOVE & MONEY
By Jonathan Raban
Collins Harvill, £11.50



The literary traveller

For Love & Money is a big fat book in which lots of thin pieces jostle against each other. Many of them are entertaining, Mr Raban often writes beautifully, and there is hardly one that does not contain something to make you think. It is the kind of book which any professional writer, casting his eye over cardboard boxes full of carbons or newspaper cuttings, hankers to publish. These fragments, he mutters to himself, I might shore against my ruin.

Not of course that I imagine that Mr Raban, a notably successful author of travel books, is close to ruin; nevertheless what we have here is primarily the flotsam and jetsam of a literary life: reviews, features pieces, travel articles, culled from a wide variety of publications. The trouble with such a collection, as Mr Raban knows, is that it turns out bitty. Once you have read one piece there is no necessary reason to read another. You might want to know what Mr Raban thinks of V.S. Pritchett (excellent: "the strangest and least categorized of modern British writers") or Anthony Powell (in whom he astonishingly finds "an absence of anything that could be called a moral intelligence" – he must have been reading, with his eyes closed, or my understanding of "a moral intelligence" differs from his), but why should you then necessarily want to know about Mr Raban's Christmas in Bournemouth?

Realizing this, he offers us a narrative: here is the story of the making of a writer. He opens an enticing window on the literary life, rather as Simon Raven did twenty-five years ago in *Boys Will Be Boys*. Mr Raban goes further however. He pretends to offer a modern or revised version of Cyril Connolly's *Enemies of Promise*. Connolly even gets in to the second sentence, and Mr Shellyblake rides again.

Now this is a clever device, and it would be good if it worked. Unfortunately it doesn't; not, at least, for anyone who has read Connolly. That was, for all its faults, a serious book: Connolly set himself to analyse the obstacles that prevented him – and others – from writing the masterpiece, which was the true function of the writer. There is nothing serious in that sense about Mr Raban's amiable chatter. Writing of journalism, Mr Raban says that "it is rooted in technique, not compulsion, in being able to tell a story to order". Good journalists might disagree, but this is quite a neat judgement on the narrative element in this book.

The pieces themselves are better. Mr Raban is an acute, if erratic, literary critic. His pieces on Henry Mayhew and Trollope are full of insight; they also make you want to turn back to the books. Sometimes his judgements are facile and downright silly. In an essay on Stevenson he rightly praises *The Amateur Emigrant*, but does so in terms that suggest he hasn't read much else that Stevenson wrote: "His fiction is obsessed with the dangerous identity games that he first explored in *The Amateur Emigrant*, but there they are distanced, seen through the reducing glass of Gothic mannerism." You will look in vain for Gothic mannerism in *Kidnapped*, *Catriona*, *The Ebb-Tide* or *Weir of Hermiston*.

The last pieces see Mr Raban launched on his career as successful travel writer. They have the strengths and weaknesses he displays in his travel books: the vividness, intelligence and curiosity, vitiated – for me at least – by the professional sense of superiority, the callousness with which real people are transformed into comic or representative objects, which is the bane of the genre. Curiously, it is an accusation that he throws at journalists.

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When the child is father to the spy

TELEVISION

Gone perhaps is the time when you could say of more exclusive educational institutions, give them the child and they will show you (or at least enemy recruiting agent) the spy; but our continuing obsession with espionage in both fact and fiction repeatedly raises questions about what contributes to the making of a traitor.

Though a master of his genre, John Le Carré has in his novels been more successful in exploring the social and political nuances of spies' actions than in providing a profound psychological explanation for them. (Smiley's thinking that Bill Haydon's Marxism made up for his "inadequacy as an artist, and for his loveless childhood" was a slight perception compared with his meticulous exposition of English middle-class society in *Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy*).

The exception is his latest novel, *A Perfect Spy*, which uses a complex structure of flash-back and different narrative voices to *realise* the intricacies of a spy, Magnus Pym, trying to account for, and recount, his personal formation and his all-important relationship with his father (based on Le Carré's relationship with his own father).

In the first episode of BBC2's serialisation of the novel, however, we were given all of the child ("Young Pym" was played by one actor "Younger Pym" by two) and shown none of the spy. Gone with the crucial structure of the book was the novel's alluring opening with the AWOL Pym seeking his seaside haven.

The BBC and the script writer Arthur Hopcraft had served Le Carré brilliantly in the past and again the acting (Ray McAnally splendid as the father), direction and dialogue was admirable. But the decision to progress chronologically through Pym's childhood was an unforgivable error – the more so if it was done to make things "easier" for the viewers.

Mystery is an essential ingredient of the genre (How many completely understood *Tinker Tailor* on television?) and avoiding the opening confusions of the spy-story framework which permeates the personal exploration lessened our entertainment without making us the wiser.

We may all plod on chronologically but only make-stand our progress through flash-backs and competing narratives.

Andrew Hislop

A nose for romantic comedy

FILMS

Roxanne (pg)
Cannons Haymarket, Oxford Street, Chelsea

Maurice (15)
Cannons Shaftesbury Avenue, Fulham Road

Playing Away (15)
Cannon Tottenham Court Road, Ritzy

Didn't You Kill My Brother?/Mr Jolly Lives Next Door (15)
Cannon Baker Street, Scala

Mascara (18)
Cannon Premiere



Cyrano revisited: Steve Martin plays C.D. Bates, Rick Rossovich plays Chris, the inarticulate lover

Though it was once the rule with the great comedians like Keaton or the Marx Brothers, it is rare today to find a film where the true author is evidently the star rather than the director. The credited director of Roxanne is the Australian Fred Schepisi, but it was Steve Martin himself who conceived the idea of a modern-dress *Cyrano de Bergerac*, wrote the film, and plays the leading role of the proboscis-plagued lover.

Martin's adaptation is finely judged, respectful of the anecdote and mood of the original but never pedantic in forcing modern parallels. C.D. Bates (the initials are the same) is fire chief of a small ski town in Washington State – a genial fellow until anyone alludes to his exceptional nose, when he does deadly battle with tennis racket, words or any other weapon at hand.

Too self-conscious to reveal his love for Roxanne (Daryl Hannah), he finds himself ghosting amorous epistles on behalf of his unique-feature and illiterate rival, in Rostand's play. Cyrano's eventual appeals serve only to lose him the girl, but this is Hollywood, so true love triumphs in the end.

Steve Martin reveals a kind of charm that has not been so evident in earlier and brasher screen appearances. Grey hair gives him a middle-aged persona, and consequently greater vulnerability in the role of the lover. There is real affection for characters and for the original mode, and a sense of genuine heart-on-sleeve romantic comedy.

Broader comedy is provided by C.D.B.'s fire brigade, a Keystone troupe of rustic clowns. Martin has his own style of visual comedy; his characteristic technique is to build up a gag to a pre-climactic moment, when he cuts it off, leaving the audience delightedly imagining the rest for themselves. It is refreshing and stimulating in an era when TV sit-com has accustomed us to seeing every lean gag milked bone dry.

After *Room With A View*, the producer-director team of Ishmael Merchant and James Ivory turns to E.M. Forster again, with the same success. This time they make a more substantial film out of a less substantial novella, the touching confessional *Maurice* written just before the First World War, but only published, posthumously, in 1971. Painfully trying to come to terms with his homosexuality, Forster set out to write a story in which love between two men should be shown as natural and admirable, and which should have a happy, guilt-free ending.

Maurice (James Wilby) is an undergraduate from a suburban mercantile family when he meets Clive (Hugh Grant) a young aristocrat, at King's College, Cambridge. Clive's high-minded Platonic ideals stir feelings in Maurice that his Christian principles have previously sublimated. They enjoy an intense but non-physical love affair, until Clive succumbs to sexual propriety and devotes himself to marriage and public life. Maurice feels betrayed and desolate, but is subsequently wooed and won by Alec, a young game-keeper on Clive's estate.

Whatever doubts Forster's critics may have about the merit of the work, there is no question of his accidental brilliance as screen-writer. James Ivory and Kit Hesketh-Harvey's script hardly needs to change the structure, and Forster's high-points of lyrical romanticism transfer easily to the screen, given the appropriate emotional elevation by Richard Robbins' music.

Forster's dialogue is economical and highly charged, the social chit-chat pithily exposing the social attitudes, snobberies, ignorance and inhibitions of post-Edwardian England.

The ignorance is highlighted in the stubborn refusal of the family doctor (Denholm Elliott) even to acknowledge the possibility, and by the innocent blindness of Maurice's mother (Billie Whitelaw) and sisters.

The deftly matched performances of James Wilby and Hugh Grant won them the prestigious Venice Festival Prize for Best Actors. Rupert Graves deserved to share the honour: his performance as Alec is easily as rich and subtly shaped as the other two.

One mark of Merchant-Ivory films is the precise casting of the supporting roles, though here Ben Kingsley's American analyst is embarrassingly heavy-handed. Patrick Godfrey's obsequiously insolent, nastily knowing butler is especially to be noted however.

Seventy years on, English social divisions can still provide the theme for *Playing Away*, directed by Horace Ove and written by a fellow West Indian, Caryl Phillips. As in *The Go-Between* and *Maurice*, a cricket match provides the focus for class conflict and reconciliation. The film relates the comic-catastrophic events of Third World Week in a peaceful Suffolk village, when a West Indian team from Brixton is invited to play the local lads. Suspicion is mutual. The *visitors reasonably mistrust* the speeches, tea parties and fresh air: at best the hosts are inept, at worst they are frankly hostile.

The film is selectively racist. The black team are all good guys, albeit high-spirited and sexy. The middle-class element of the village is shown in reasonably kindly light as clumsily well-intentioned liberals; but the uneducated and ignorant are depicted as venomously prejudiced, drinks and snails to tapists. Six of their eleven damp unsportingly off the field when the blacks prove the better men.

The Comic Strip express a much more ferocious revulsion in their vision of contemporary British life. The method in their pictures is seen more clearly in the shorts made for Channel Four than in the over-extended *Eat the Rich*. In *Didn't You Kill My Brother?*, directed by Bob Spiers, the establishment (judges, social worker, police) is shown as incorrigibly corrupt and violent, ferociously opposed to anything to distract the victims of the inner cities from their life-long violence by giving them creative employment. Alcoa Slags plays the Moss Brothers, unfunny East End mobster twins, and Dora Bryan their *Bloody Mother*.

In *Mr Jolly Lives Next Door*, directed by Stephen Frears, Adrian Edmondson and Rik Mayall, proprietors of a dubious escort agency, guzzle every alcoholic liquid in sight, scream at cyclists and vomit copiously. In the adjoining office Mr Jolly (Peter Cook) plays Tom Jones records loud, to drown the screams as he chops up his murder victims. The whole lot are finally blown up. The dark, destructive, frantic quality of Comic Strip humour remains consistent, even when directors and writers are different. Someone, somewhere must have a taste for it.

Mascara is a bizarre and pretentious folly, shot in Belgium and conceived and directed by Patrick Conrad. Michael Sarrazin plays a police superintendant with a spare-time hobby of murdering the transsexuals he meets in a subterranean night-club catering for strange sexual tastes. Charlotte Rampling, battling defiantly with the artless script, co-stars with Romy Haag, the celebrated Berlin transsexual entertainer, and Eva Robbins, whose authentic hermaphroditism the film indiscreetly displays. How different from the home life of Maurice and Roxanne.

David Robinson

Flawed beauty

OPERA

La Straniera
Queen Elizabeth Hall

Apparently it was a score of Bellini's *La Straniera* that Callas took with her on her first cruise with Aristotle Onassis, but other interests intervened, as we now know only too well, and the score remained firmly shut. A major opportunity had been lost.

Although it is an early work, *La Straniera* is a thoroughly workmanlike piece of theatre. For this year's Wexford Festival the team of Robert Carsen (director) and Ian Latham-Koenig (conductor) has produced a rare staging of the opera that has been well received for its dignity of approach. Thanks to the Queen Elizabeth Hall's recent conversion to a part-time opera theatre, the full production has now been brought to London.

At last night's performance, though, some of its dramatic urgency seemed to have been lost *en route*.

Given the fine reports from Wexford, the most likely explanation lies in the evident nervousness that was afflicting a few of the principals, none more so than the Alaide of Renata Dalin, whose singing (though basically beautiful in tone) was prone to patches of wayward intonation and rhythmic control.

This was a shame, as the most characteristic sections of Bellinian *cantilena*, come in her final solo scene and the long first act duet with the tenor Arturo, played here by Ingus Peterson, whose strong and impassioned singing did much to keep up the level of tension. What was missed was any real interplay between the two.

In the smaller roles there were sturdy performances, notably from Cynthia Clarey as a strongly-motivated Isoletta and Jake Gardner as the baritone Valdeburgo.

It is to be hoped that the whole company will be back on form for the other performance on Thursday. There may be no Callas in the cast, but the opera is worth our attention, as much as it was worth hers.

Richard Fairman

Triumph for a tragedy

THEATRE

A View from the Bridge
Aldwych



Donald Cooper

Consuming love: Michael Gambon and Suzan Sylvester

High among the triumphs of Arthur Miller's seventh decade must be Alan Ayckbourn's revival of this 1950s piece, now in the West End after eight months of impregnably booked-out performances at the Cottesloe. It looked magnificent there; it now emerges as a masterpiece as overwhelming as any within living memory.

Previously *A View from the Bridge* had always been a source of embarrassment to Miller's admirers, as a strained attempt to promote a drama of betrayal on the Brooklyn waterfront to the status of classical tragedy. What this production proves is that, like its ancient models, the piece has a high melting point. And once that has been attained, all sense of cerebral theorizing vanishes and you are immersed in a tragic collision between an implacable honour code and individual passion as authentic as that of Racine.

The production has loosened up and put on speed; the cast move around Alan Tagg's two-level Brooklyn set, chipping into each others' lines and treating their living space with the physical virtuosity of long familiarity.

One effect is to highlight Miller's extraordinary power to combine random inconsequence of domestic conversation with an inexorable action that takes another fateful step with every added line. Eddie's obsessive love for his niece Catherine is *apparent even when he is* teasing her with make-believe spiders in the opening scene.

The greatest stumbling block in previous productions was the character of Eddie, who seems to bring on the disaster through invincible stupidity and a nasty piece of work who defies sympathy. Michael Gambon entirely obliterates those objections.

What he does communicate, through his bear-like geniality, bursts of rage, hunched defeat, and simmering approach to the act of unthinkable betrayal, is a consuming love that drives out every other human value. Far from surrendering to violence, though, he does everything he can to hold it in check; following every explosion with a return to mild, reasonable speech (pitiably at variance with his tormented syntax) and a tortured smile that turns to a rictus of guilt when he is caught putting the phone call through to the immigration bureau. The surrounding company display a range of passion extremely unusual on the English stage: varied in style from the iron will of Michael Simkins's Marco to the torrential directness of Suzan Sylvester's Catherine.

Irving Wardle

Artless drama

A Private View
Watermans Arts Centre

The touring company of disabled performers, Graeae (pronounced "Grey-eye"), takes its name from the three mythological sisters who lived on the edge of the world and shared one eye and one tooth between them. The company exists to present disability issues to audiences of both disabled and able-bodied, and to challenge the assumption that disability means inability.

Anyone who saw *The Emperor* will not easily forget the mesmerising performance of the Jordanian actor Nabil Shaban, formally a member of Graeae, who zipped about the stage on his small wheelchair and made exquisitely expressive gestures with his long slender hands.

The company's latest work is an all-woman piece, written, directed, designed, stage-managed and performed by women, but the product of their endeavours is, I regret, not much cop. Tasha Fairbanks received a commission to write the thing and chooses to make the troubles weighing upon her characters less physical than social, suffering for being artistic women in a male-dominated world.

Women painters are scorned by men in charge of galleries, their works are sold at auction for footling sums. Some years must have passed since Ms Fairbanks last visited an auction house, and something approaching a century since she looked into an art school, where the litter of easels and plaster casts of draped Grecians is acceptable but the blatant submission to their instructor's spite is hard to reconcile with the 20th century.

This autocratic monster, played by Mary Cross, and perhaps because she is named Wallace made up to look like Mrs Simpson, has been badly let down by her dealer husband, who will not admit that his famous Gambini, "The Shrunken Woman" was actually sculpted by his wife. Her students steal it for her and all miraculously recover their artistic gifts, wielding brush, pencil or clay to the opening chords of Beethoven's Fifth.

Surfacing amid this nonsense are such genuinely interesting points as the meaning of "right proportion" for an artist disabled by polio (Letty Kaye) and the notion, albeit old-fashioned, of releasing the spirit from its physical confines. It is also instructive to watch the just perceptible *movements of Kaite O'Reilly's* hands that serve as cues for the totally deaf Jenny Sealey. But in a work of such shapelessness any estimate of performance is futile.

Jeremy Kingston

A trial by audience

L'Affaire du courrier de Lyon
Palais des Sports, Paris

Robert Hossein is to the French theatre what Cecil B. de Mille was to the American cinema. The comparison does not go down well with Hossein himself, but gives those not familiar with his biennial invasion of the 4,500 seat Palais des Sports, an accurate idea of the *esprit* of his 1987 production, *L'Affaire du courrier de Lyon*. Under his expansive direction this true 18th-century French courtroom drama becomes a giant-sized spectacular, with computerized audience participation.

Working in close collaboration with the popular historian and academic Alain Decaux, Hossein meticulously reconstructs what came to be known as "The Lyon Mail Coach Affair". In 1796 a mail coach carrying the payroll of Bonaparte's army was held-up on the road from Paris to Lyon and the two coachmen viciously murdered.

Six men were brought to trial for the crime. Three of them were convicted and guillotined. One of the men executed, Joseph Lesurques, protested that he was innocent right up to the moment the knife fell. After his execution, the possibility that he may have indeed been innocent became the subject of a public controversy that has never been satisfactorily settled.

Nearly 200 years later, Hossein aided by cast of nearly 60 and as many technicians, turns the affair into a high tension drama that re-enacts the events that led up to the arrest of the six, re-holds the trail – presenting the facts and nothing but, then throws the verdict open to the audience.

Before the start of each performance Hossein personally asks for a hundred volunteers to leave their places in the audience and take up one of those encircling the acting arena. Each of these front row seats is equipped with three buttons marked: guilty, not guilty and accessory. Giant screens relay the "jury's" verdict to the rest of the by now, nicely keyed-up audience.

Audience participation has not to date been a noticeable French trait. But, there is certainly no shortage of takers for one of the conspicuous badges that gives the wearer the right to have a finger on the verdict button.

Another *coup de théâtre* is putting the action on a large circular stage that at strategic points in the story revolves, giving every section of the audience an all-round view of the proceedings. This theatrical carousel is at its most effective when, at the instant the verdict is to be given the cast freeze into a waxwork tableau. As the stage slowly revolves, the 20th-century jury give their verdict.

Once this has been flashed up on the screens, the tableau unfreezes, to scenes of joy, or despair according to the verdict of the day. Whether it is due to Jean-Pierre Bernard's impressively passionate performance as Lesurques' lawyer, or whether Messrs Hossein and Decaux have subtly slanted the evidence, the jury declares Lesurques not guilty every time.

After the vote, the action smoothly switches from the computerized fantasy back to the reality that Lesurques was in fact found guilty, along with two others, and sentenced to death. Hossein gets the maximum effect from their journey to the guillotine by putting the three men in a horse drawn tumbril that trundles slowly around the perimeter of the arena, and a well-timed blackout as the blade falls.

There is little doubt that Messrs Hossein and Decaux slightly colour the facts to suit their own humanitarian palette. But for all that, as the lights go down, there is a genuine new awareness to the frailties of justice.

Diane Hill

The dancing partnership of Lynn Seymour and Christopher Gable will be seen again on November 30 in the World Premiere of *A Simple Man*, the ballet created by Gillian Lynne to celebrate the life and works of the painter L.S.Lowry.

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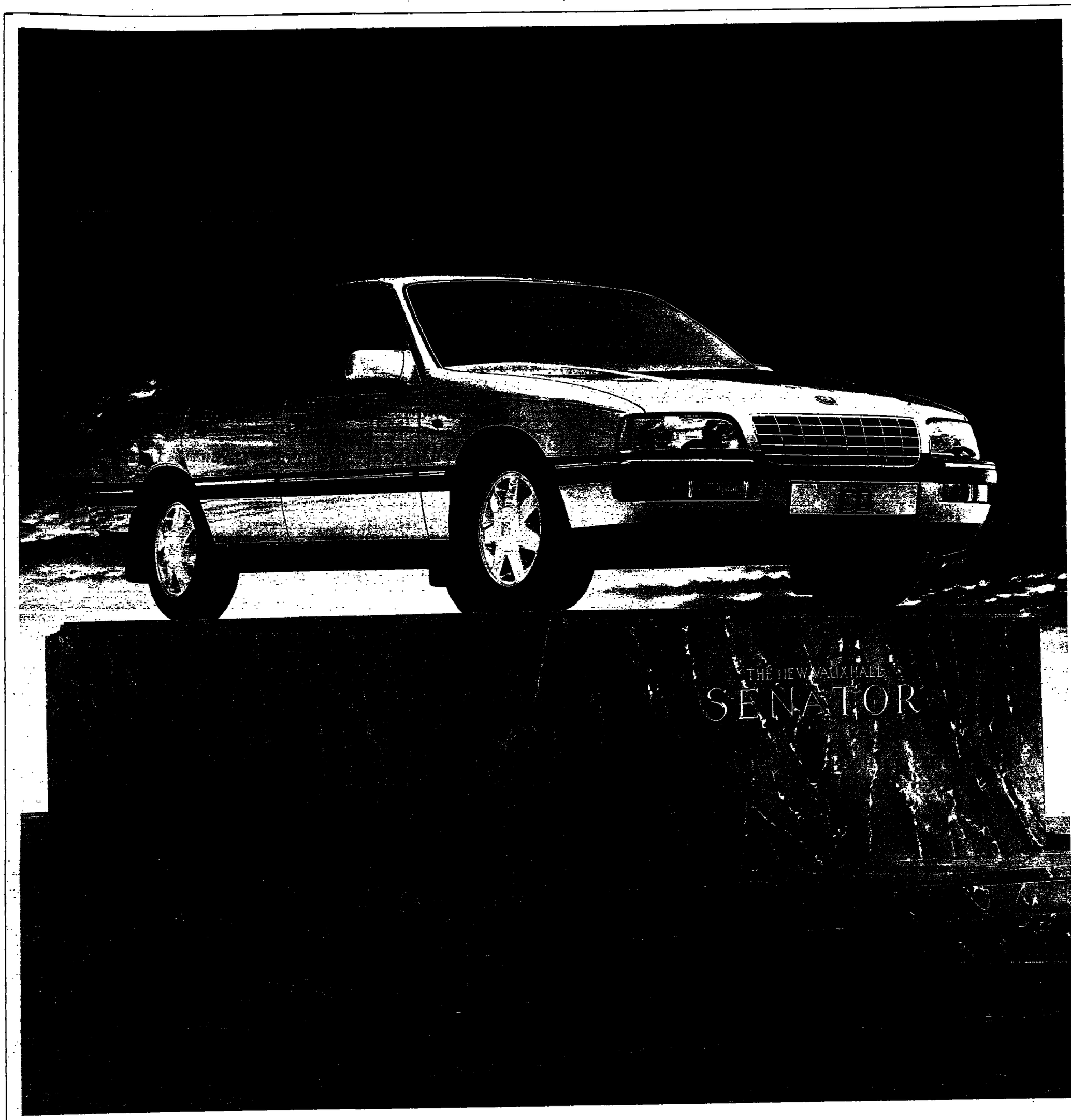
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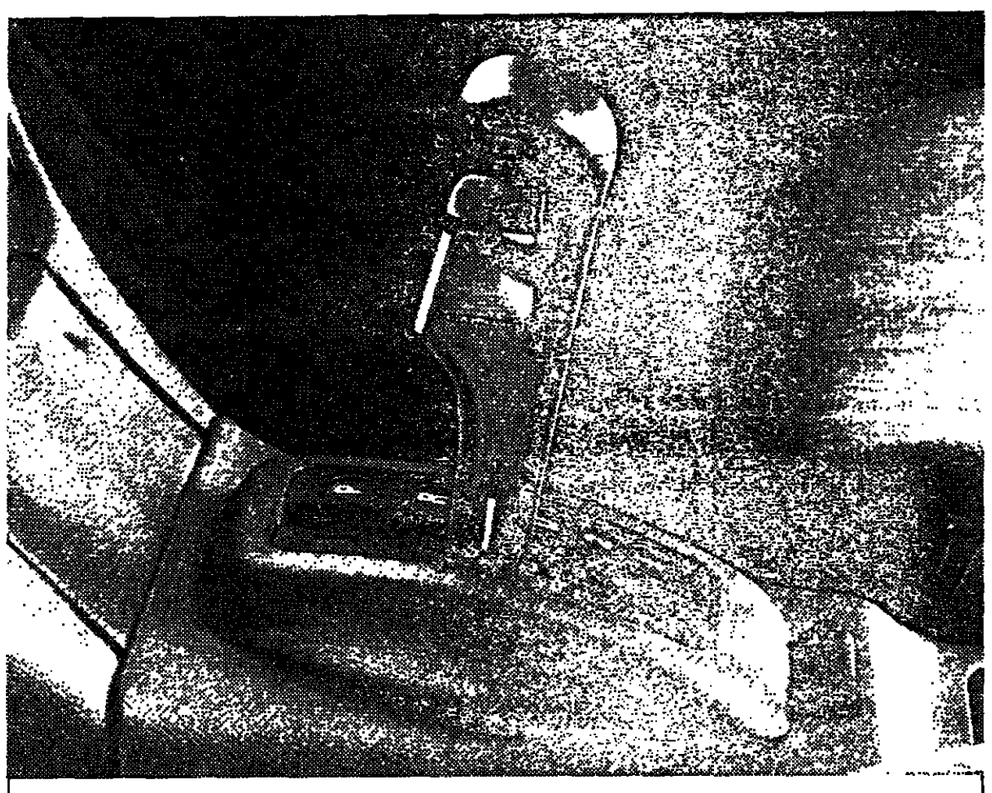
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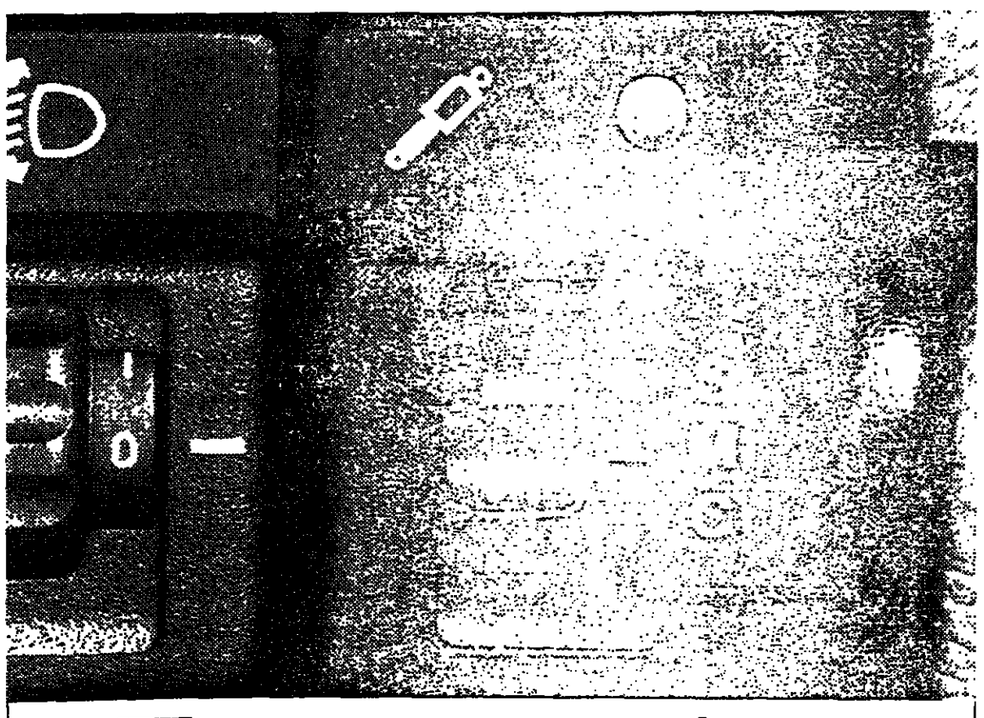
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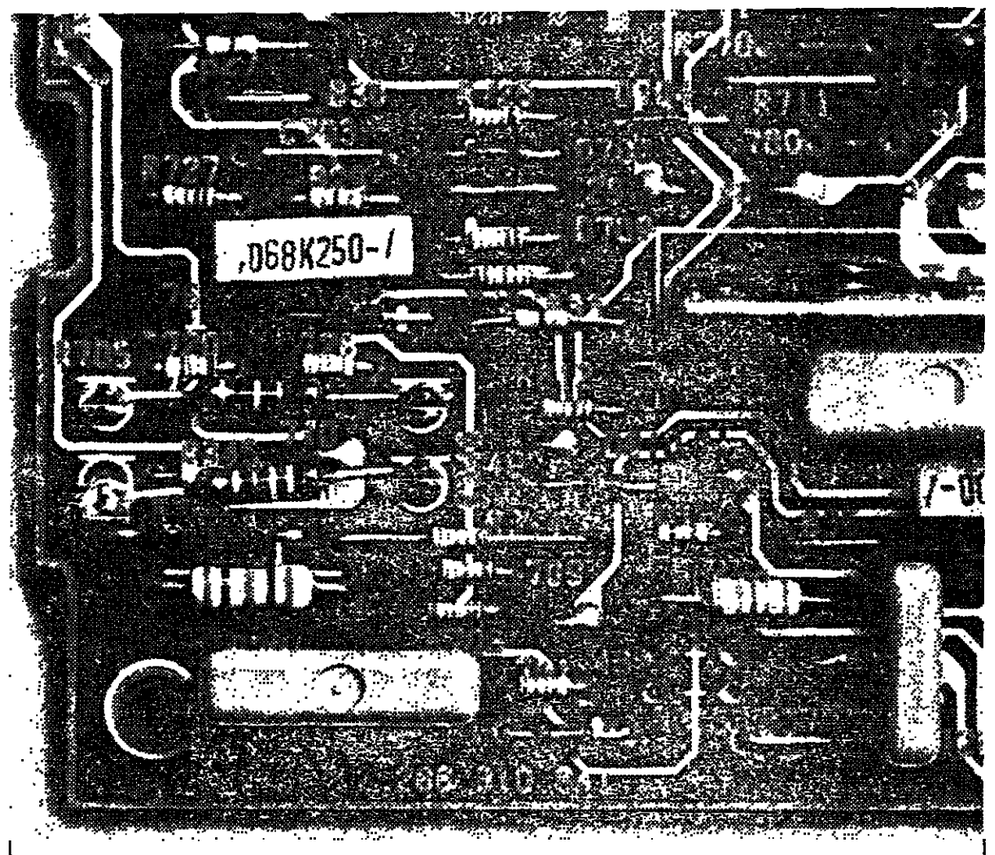
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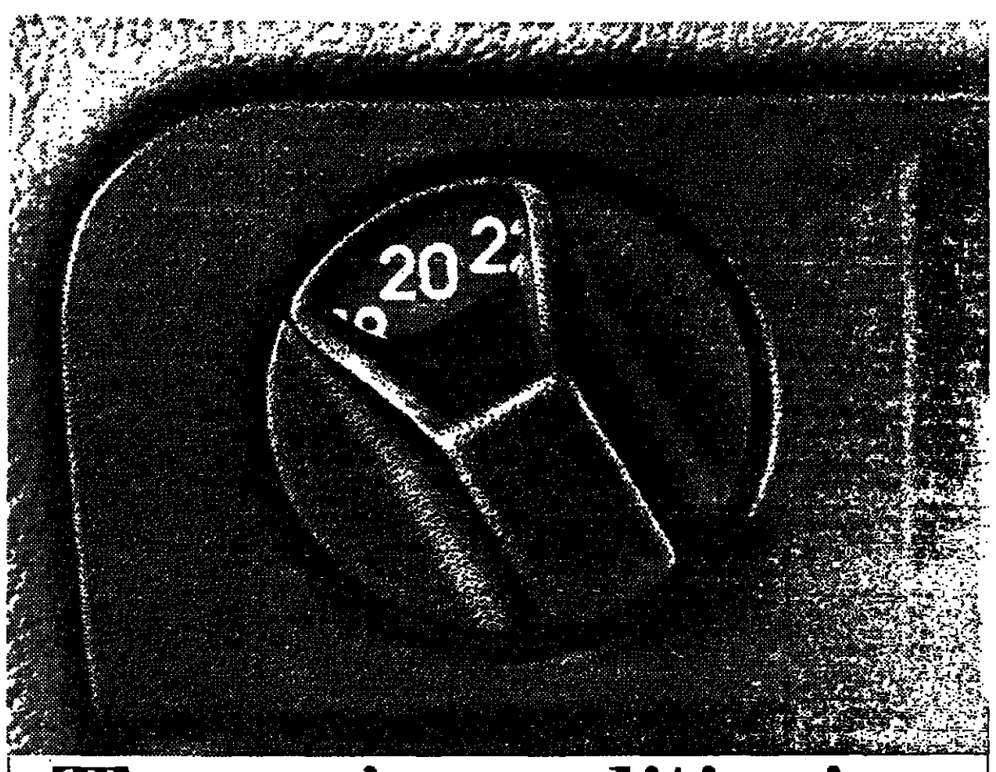
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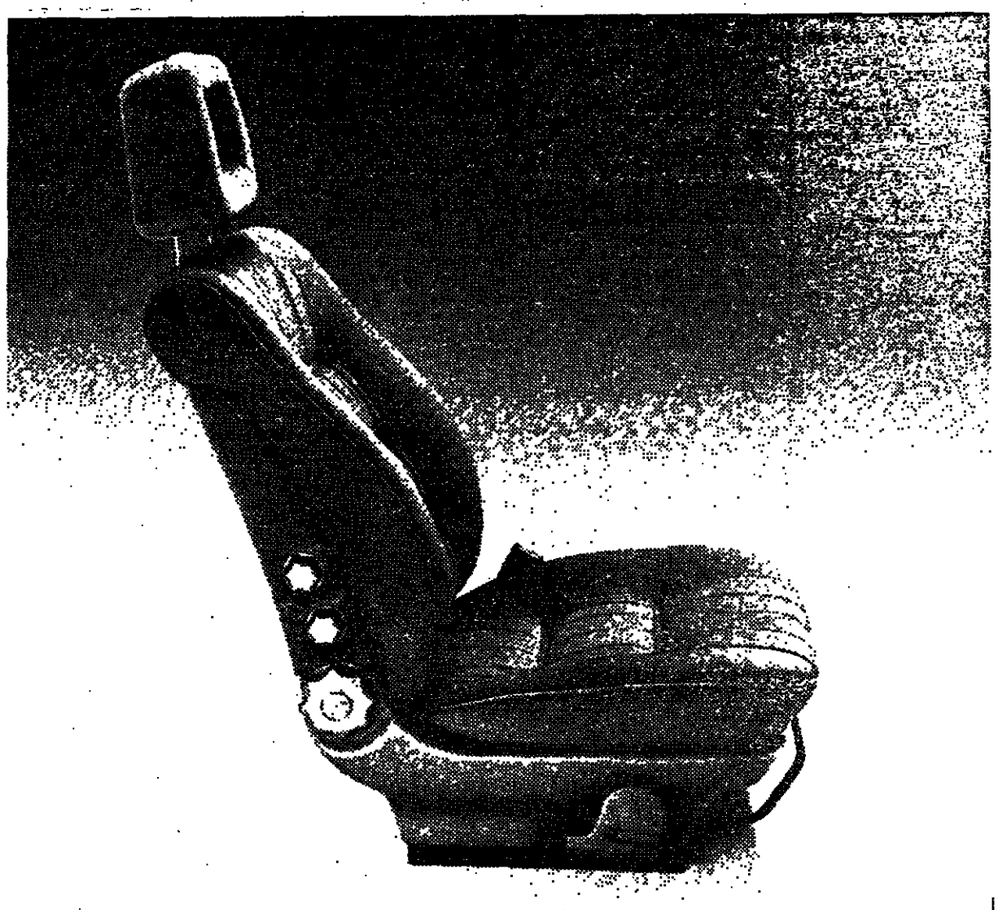


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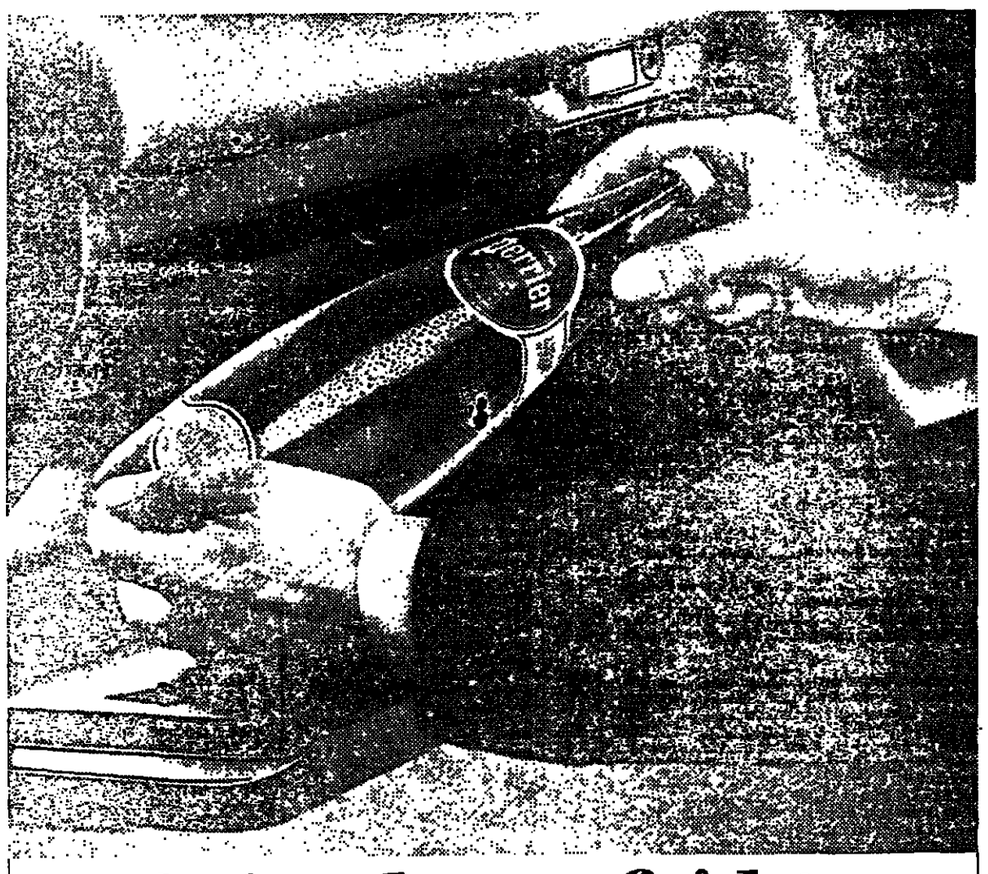
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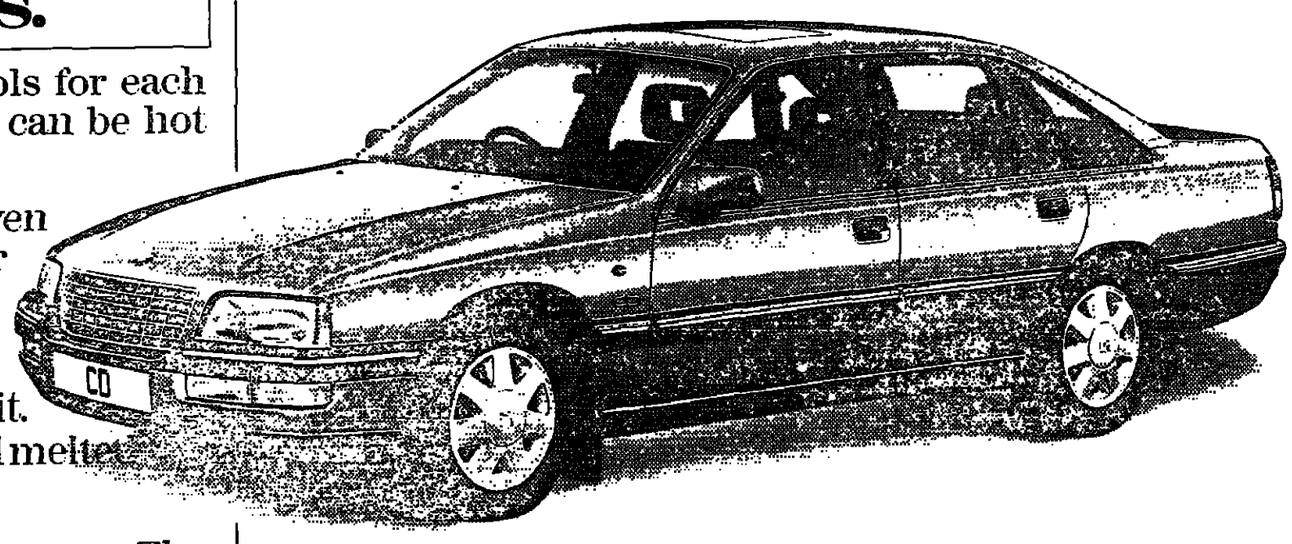
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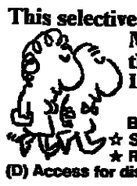
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Pit Theatre, Barbican Centre, London E1(01-628 8795). Tube: Barbican/Moorgate. 7.30-10pm, £7.50. (D)

☆ **DANGEROUS OBSESSION:** Dinsdale Landen and Jeramy Bulloch in N J Crisp's psychological thriller.
Apollo Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, London W1 (01-437 2665). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Previews until Nov 8, 8-10pm. First night Nov 9, 7-9pm. Then Mon-Fri 8-10pm, Sat 8.30-10.30pm. mats Thur 3-5pm and Sat 5.30-7.30pm. £5-£11.50.

☆ **HAMLETMACHINE:** Heiner Müller's meditation on *Hamlet*, much praised in New York in this production by Robert Wilson.
Almeida Theatre, Almeida Street, London N1 (01-359 4404). Tube: Highbury & Islington. Tues-Sat 8-10.30pm. £8.

★ **LETTICE AND LOVAGE:** Maggie Smith and Margaret Tyzack in Peter Shaffer's new comedy.
Globe Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-437 3667). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat, 7.45-10.15pm, mat Sat 3-5.30pm, £7.50-£14.50.

☆ **THE LIFE OF NAPOLEON:** John Sessions's dazzling one-man show, with the voices of Olivier, Orson Welles, Frank Bruno amongst others.
Albery Theatre, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (01-836 3878). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon-Fri 8-10.30pm, Sat 8.30-11pm, mats Sat 5-7.30pm, £5-£12.50.

☆ **PUSHKIN:** Fringe First winner at Edinburgh Festival, Richard Crane's play weaves an impressive pattern from the writer's life.
Bloomsbury Theatre, Gordon Street, London WC1 (01-387 9629). Tube: Warren Street/Euston Square/Euston. Until Sat, 7.30pm, £4.

☆ **THE SISTERHOOD:** Janet Henfrey and Clive Swift lead a strong cast in Molière's satire on frightful intellectual women, *Les Femmes Savantes*.
New End Theatre, 27 New End, NW3 (01-794 0022). Tube: Hampstead. Tues-Sun 8pm, Sat 10pm. £5.50-£6.

☆ **THE SMALL POPPIES:** New children's play by David Holman, author of the marvellous *No Worries* last year.
Young Vic Theatre, 66 The Cut, SE1. (01-928 6363) Tube: Waterloo. Tues-Sat, 10.30am, and Mon, Tue and Sat, 2pm, adults £2.50, children £1.50.

☆ **THE THOUSAND CHERRIES OF YOSHITSUNE:** The Kabuki Theatre Company in the classic *Kabuki* play.
Sadlers Wells Theatre, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (01-278 8916). Tube: Angel. Thurs-Sat 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm, £3.50-£20.

LONG RUNNERS: ☆ **The Business Of Murder:** *Mayfair Theatre (01-629 3036).* . . ★ **Cats:** New London Theatre (01-405 0072, cc 01-404 4079). . . ☆ **Chess:** Prince Edward Theatre (01-734 8951). . . ☆ **42nd Street:** Drury Lane Theatre Royal (01-836 8108/9/0). . . ☆ **Les Liaisons Dangereuses:** Ambassadors Theatre (01-836 6111, cc 01-836 1171). . . ☆ **Me And My Girl:** Adelphi Theatre (01-240 7913/4) . . . ★ **Les Misérables:** Palace Theatre (01-434 0909). . . ☆ *The Mousetrap: St Martin's Theatre* (01-836 1443) . . . ★ **Phantom Of The Opera:** Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244). . . ☆ **Run For Your Wife:** Criterion Theatre (01-930 3216). . . ☆ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria Theatre (01-828 8665).

OUT OF TOWN

COVENTRY: ☆ **Guardian Angels:** Commissioned play by Julian Garner, set in Ireland and England between 1914 and 1966.
Belgrade Theatre, Belgrade Square (0203 553055), Mon-Thurs 7.30pm, Fri and Sat 8pm, £3.50-£6.20.

DERBY: ☆ **Gaslight:** Patrick Hamilton's classic thriller; watch out for the telltale gas flame.
Playhouse Theatre, Eagle Centre (0332 363275), Mon-Thurs 7.30pm, Fri and Sat 8pm, £3-£5.50.

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON: ☆ ***Measure for Measure:*** Sean Baker and Josette Simon in Shakespeare's hard play about virginity - good, bad or impenetrable.
Royal Shakespeare Theatre, (0789 295623), previews from tonight 7.30pm, £3-£13.

FILMS

■ *Also on national release*
☎ **Advance booking possible**

■ ***ARIA (18):*** *A mixed bag of directors put visuals to 10 operatic bon-bons from RCA's record catalogue. Directors include Jean-Luc Godard, Robert Altman, Nicolas Roeg, Ken Russell and Derek Jarman.*
☎ **Lumière** (01-836 0691). Progs 1.10, 3.05, 5.05, 7.05, 9.10

■ **BEVERLY HILLS COP II (15):** *Eddie Murphy repeats his performance as the brazen Detroit cop on a job in Los Angeles. Tony Scott directs. (103 min).*
Cannon Baker Street (01-935 9772). Progs 1.45, 4.00, 6.15, 8.30. **Cannon Bayswater** (01-352 5096). Progs 1.05, 3.20, 5.40, 8.15. **Cannon Edgware Road** (01-723 5901). Progs 1.55, 4.10, 6.20, 8.35. ☎ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). Progs 2.00, 4.30, 7.00, 9.30. **Cannon Oxford Street** (01-636 0310). Progs 1.30, 3.50, 6.10, 8.30. ☎ **Plaza** (01-437 1234). Progs 1.15, 2.30, 3.30, 4.45, 5.45, 7.00, 8.00, 9.15, 10.15.

BLISS (18): Bizarre Australian black comedy from 1985, about an advertising executive whose world crumbles after a heart attack. Based on Peter Carey's novel; directed by Ray Lawrence, with Barry Otto, Lynette Curran, Helen Jones.
☎ **Odeon Haymarket** (01-839 7697). Progs 1.10 3.30, 6.00, 8.35.

■ **HELLRAISER (18):** Full-blooded British horror film, written and directed by Clive Barker from his own novel about a decomposed corpse trying to eat his way back to life (100 min).
Cannon Panton Street (01-930 0631). Progs 3.00, 5.15, 7.35, 9.50.

HOPE AND GLORY (15): John Boorman's autobiographical account of an ordinary family living through the extraordinary days of the London blitz. Vivid, anecdotal; with Sebastian Rice-Edwards and Sammi Davis (113 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 2.30, 5.25, 8.05.

■ **THE LIVING DAYLIGHTS (PG):** Timothy Dalton follows in distinguished footsteps when he assumes the mantle of James Bond. A globe-trotting plot of East-West intrigue, embracing Gibraltar, Vienna, Tangier and Afghanistan. John Glen directs his fourth Bond film (130 min).
Odeon High Street Kensington (01-602 6644). Progs 1.15, 4.15, 8.00.

A NIGHTMARE ON ELM STREET III: DREAM WARRIORS (18): The latest addition to the gory adventures of demonic Freddy Krueger. With Heather Langenkamp, Patricia Arquette, Robert Englund; director, Chuck Russell. (96 min).
Leicester Square Theatre (01-930 5252). Progs 1.30, 3.50, 6.20, 8.50.

■ **THE WITCHES OF EASTWICK (18):** *Jack Nicholson's satanic stranger dominates this bumpy adaptation of John Updike's clever novel about the battle of the sexes. With Susan Sarandon, Cher, Michelle Pfeiffer. George Miller directs (118 min).*
Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue (01-836 6279) Progs 2.20, 5.20, 8.15. ☎ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636) Progs 2.15, 6.10, 9.15. ☎ **Screen on the Green** (01-226 3520) Progs 3.55, 6.10, 8.45.

GALLERIES

NORTHERN SPIRIT: Historic and contemporary paintings from Scandinavia, including works by Kroyer, Holsoe and Thaulow.
Connaught Brown, 2 Albermarle Street, London W1 (01-408 0362). Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 10am-12.30pm, free, until Dec 12.

SARAH CHALK: First one-person show of this artist's portrait, interior and still life oils on gesso.
Anna-Mei Chadwick, 64 New Kings Road, London SW6 (01-736 1928). Mon-Fri 11am-7pm, Sat 10am-5.30pm, free, until Nov 22.

8TH CLEVELAND INTERNATIONAL DRAWING BIENNALE: 61 drawings selected from over 2,000 entries, in a competition won by Peter C McLean of Worthington, Massachusetts.
Cleveland Gallery, Victoria Road, Middlesborough (0642 248155). Tues-Sat noon-7pm, free, until Nov 21.

UKRAINIAN FOLK AND DECORATIVE ART: *Works made during the last century, lent by the State Museum in Kiev.*
Goldsmith's Gallery, Lewisham Way, New Cross, London SE14 (01-692 7171). Mon-Fri 4-7pm, Sat-Sun noon-5pm, free, until Nov 21.

Mary Evans Picture Library



The picture above shows a Guy Fawkes Night bonfire in 1851 and tonight bonfires and fireworks displays all over the country will be continuing the tradition of commemorating the unsuccessful attempt by Fawkes and his fellow conspirators to blow up the House of Commons on November 5, 1605. As is its wont, the ancient Suffolk village of Denningtow with its 450 inhabitants, celebrated bonfire night on Hallowe'en. The fireworks cost just £110. In contrast the 12,000 visitors (6,000 if it rains) expected at Leeds Castle in Kent this Saturday will do without a bonfire but will see a huge musical display with £5,000-worth of fireworks illuminating the castle and lake. Co-incidentally, the per capita firework expenditure is the same for both events – 24p. They are part of an increasing trend away from individual firework parties towards communal displays. There are two reasons for this: safety and cost. Another trend is towards pretty fireworks and away from big bangs, which is good news for the bird and animal population. The one constant, in the shifting shape of bonfire or fireworks night, is the demand for the simplest firework, the sparkler. According to Hamley's, it is still the best seller. See the listings for details of displays and bonfires around the country, taking place tonight and this weekend.
Judy Froshaug

OPERA

☆ **RIGOLETTO:** Revival of Jonathan Miller's *mafioso* production promises lots of fireworks from John Rawnsley, David Rendall, and Anne Dawson. Paul Daniel conducts.
English National Opera, Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161), 7.30-10.20pm, £2-£21.50.

☆ **A NIGHT AT THE CHINESE OPERA:** Judith Weir's exciting new work, based on a 13th century *Yuan* play, is conducted by Andrew Parrott as part of Kent Opera's tour.
Derngate, Northampton, (0604 24811), 7-10pm, £3.50-£10.

☆ **LULU:** John Cox's new production for Scottish Opera of Berg's *complete* opera, sung in English and conducted by John Mauceri.
His Majesty's Theatre, Aberdeen, (0224 641122), 7.15-10.15pm, £5-£13.50.

CONCERTS

LUNCHTIME

☆ **FROM PRAGUE:** Haydn's Quartet Op 76 No 2 and Mozart's Quartet K 458 "The Hunt" are heard from the Stamic Quartet of Prague.
St George's, Charlotte Street, Brandon Hill, Bristol (0272 230359). 1-2pm, £1.80-£2.50.

EVENING

☆ **ALL ROSTROPOVICH:** Still celebrating his 60th birthday, Rostropovich, in the presence of the Queen Mother and with Neeme Järvi conducting the LSO, solos in *cello concertos by Haydn and Lutoslawski, Tchaikovsky's Rococo Variations and Bloch's Schelomo.*
Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 928 8800), 7.30pm, £5-£17.50.

☆ **SOUSTROT/HALLE:** Marc Soustrot conducts the Hallé Orchestra not only in Brahms's "Tragic" Overture and Beethoven's *Piano Concerto No 5 "Emperor"* (soloist, Pascal Rogé) but in a considerable rarity, Dutilleux's *Symphony No 1.*
Free Trade Hall, Peter Street, Manchester (061 834 1712). 7.30pm, £2-£9.

☆ ***MORE BEETHOVEN:*** *The Melos Quartet of Stuttgart's Beethoven string quartet series continues with Opp 18 No 1, 74 "The Harp" and 130.*
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore Street, London W1 (01-935 2141). 7.30pm, £3-£7.50.

JAZZ

☆ **TIM WHITEHEAD:** On leave from Loose Tubes, the saxophonist leads a new quartet which includes the Tubes' agile guitarist, John Parricelli.
Bass Clef, 35 Coronet Street, London N1 (01-729 2476), 8.45pm, £3.50.

☆ **DAVE O'HIGGINS:** The rising young sax player appears with his electric trio.
Bull's Head, Lonsdale Road, London SW13 (01-876 5241), 8.30pm, £2.50.

☆ **JIM MULLEN:** Fusion-influenced veteran teams up with fellow guitarist, Gary Boyle.
Blakey's, King George's Hall, Blackburn, Lancashire (0254 582579), 8pm, £2.

☆ **IRAKERE:** Enjoying an extended run, the Cuban masters of Afro-jazz are equally at home with Latin and Mainstream idioms.
Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith Street, London W1 (01-439 0747), 9.30pm, £8 (members £2).

ROCK

☆ **BIG AUDIO DYNAMITE:** Mick Jones is your MC for this one-off "commemorative" concert in honour of Guy Fawkes.
Hibernian, 6 Fulham Broadway Arcade, London SW6 (01-385 4202) 7.30pm, £6.

☆ **SUZANNE VEGA:** She has toughened up her image and her show for the rock circuit but still insists that she is a folk singer.
Newport Leisure Centre, Kingsway (0633 59676) 7pm, £7.50-£8.50.

☆ **MARILLION:** Charity concert in the presence of His Royal Highness Prince Edward. Mick Wall's absorbing and exhaustive authorized biography of Marillion, *Market Square Heroes*, is published today by Sidgwick & Jackson at £8.95.
Wembley Arena, Empire Way, Middlesex (01-902 1234) 7pm, £10.

☆ **THE MEN THEY COULDN'T HANG:** The band that emerged from the 1984 *punk-folk movement* which also launched the Pogues.
Basins, 78 The Tricorn, Portsmouth (0705 824728) 9pm, £4-£4.50.

DANCE

☆ **SWAN LAKE:** Bryony Brind dances in Anthony Dowell's controversial production for the *Royal Ballet.*
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066) 7.30-10.15pm £1-£30.

☆ **LA BAYADERE:** Petipa's famous dances newly mounted for the Scottish Ballet with Peter Darrell's *La Peri* and Jack Carter's *Three Dances to Japanese Music.*
Studio Theatre, 261 West Princes Street, Glasgow (041 331 2931) 7.30-9.30pm £7.50.

WALKS

CHURCHILL'S WAR ROOMS: meet Westminster tube, 2.30pm, £2.50.

FAGIN'S HAUNTS: meet Aldgate tube, 11am, £3.

GUY FAWKES, GUNPOWDER AND PLOT: meet Westminster tube, 7.15pm, £2.75.

GUY FAWKES WALK: meet Westminster tube, 11am, £2.25.

TALKS

RISK AND FREEDOM: Road safety, by J G U Adams, lecturer in Geography.
University College London, Darwin Building, Gower Street, London WC1, 1.15pm, free.

RURAL ENERGY AND DEVELOPMENT: Lecture by Professor M Nurul Islam, Director of the Institute of Appropriate Technology, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology.
Whiteknights, University of Reading, Berkshire (0734 875123 ext 227), 4pm, free.

ONCE UPON A TIME: Dr Bruno Bettelheim on the meaning of Fairy Tales.
The Tavistock Clinic, 120 Belsize Lane, London NW3, 8pm, £2.50.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

ROYAL BALLET: December performances of Giselle, Ashton's The Dream, Bintley's Galanteries, Jerome Robbins's The Concert, plus new Cinderella with choreography by Ashton.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066/1911). Personal and phone booking from today.

ROYAL OPERA: December performances of Zeffirelli's *Tosca*, with Eva Marton and Peter Dvorsky; *L'elisir d'amore*, with Dénes Gulyás, Yvonne Kenny, Gino Quilico, and Enzo Dara.
Royal Opera House: as above. Personal and phone booking from today.

LONDON FILM FESTIVAL: 31st festival, with 140 films from 40 countries, including Tony Palmer's *Testimony* based on diaries of Shostakovich; *Ben-Hur*, to five orchestral score by Carl Davis with LPO; *Battleship Potemkin* accompanied by Brabant Orchestra; *Steve Reich – A New Musical Language*; Mike Hodges's *A Prayer for the Dying*; Stephen Frears's *Sammy and Rosie Get Laid*. ICA, Palladium, NFT and Leicester Square Cinemas Nov 11-29. **National Film Theatre**, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3232). General booking from today.

LAST CHANCE

DANCE UMBRELLA: ICA programme finishes with New Work Platform 2. US choreographers Scott Clark and Suzie Ater; Lucy Fawcett solo *Those Shores*; Gregory Nash performs solo by Jim Beirne; *River Run* by Catherine Tucker. Fri and Sat.
ICA, Nash House, The Mall, London SW1 (01-930 3647).

OTHER EVENTS

CAPITAL BUILDINGS: Architectural designs and topographical views of London since the 18th century.
Gallery Lingard, 50 Pall Mall, London SW1. (01-930 1645). Today until Jan 15 (closed Dec 24-Jan 4). Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm, free.

BEOWULF RETURNS: Julian Glover's performance of the Anglo-Saxon poem *Beowulf*, introduced today by Magnus Magnusson, to mark publication of a first illustrated edition. Sheila Mackie's paintings on show throughout the day; signed copies of the book available.
Lecture Theatre, British Museum, Great Russell Street, London WC1 (01-636 1555). 1.15pm, £2.

ANIMAL FARM: *Animated film* adaptation of Orwell's political satire. Shown as part of the Made in London series.
Museum of London, London Wall, EC2 (01-600 3699), 6.10pm. £1.20.

THE KNITTING AND STITCHING SHOW: See caption.
The Kensington Exhibition Centre, Rainbow Suite, Derry Street, London W8 (01-937 9898). Today until Sun. Today, tomorrow 10am-8pm, Sat 10am-7pm, Sun 10am-4pm. £3.75.

AUCTIONS: 19th & 20th Century Photographs and 19th & 20th Century Posters. The latter includes rare German, French, Russian and American examples.
Christies, 85 Old Brompton Road, London SW7 (01-581 7611), 2pm.



The Bishop of Leicester, Cecil Richard Rutt (above), whose book *The History of Knitting* has just been published, opens the Knitting & Stitching Show today at Kensington Exhibition Centre (see listing). The show is for enthusiasts of every kind of needlework; its stands feature knitters and *tricoteuses from Orkney and* Shetland to Cornwall and all the kits from the new book, *Glorious Needlepoint*, by Kaffe Fassett, who will be making an appearance and giving a lecture.

FIREWORKS



LEWES BONFIRE CELEBRATIONS: Town closed to traffic 5.30-10.30pm. Torchlight processions. Blazing tar barrel race to Cliffe Church for Service of Remembrance and a display. Individual bonfires and fireworks at Borough, Commercial Square, Waterloo, Cliffe and South Street.
Lewes, East Sussex. Tonight, free.

CARNIVAL AND ROLLING OF TAR BARRELS: Illuminated procession, 5.30pm. Bonfire 8pm, followed by tar barrel race from pub to pub. Barrels tossed on bonfire at midnight.
Ottery St Mary, Devon. Tonight, free.

LEEDS CASTLE: Pipe bands from 5pm, display at 7.30pm, to music. Leeds Castle, Maidstone, Kent. (0622 65400). Saturday, last admission 7pm: £3, child £1.75.

YORK SPECTACULAR: Starts 6pm, bonfire 7.30pm, firework display from 8pm. Entertainment, bar.
Clifton Park, Shipton Road, York. Tonight, £1, child 50p.

BRIDGWATER GUY FAWKES CARNIVAL: Streets closed to traffic. Illuminated procession with *decorated floats, followed by a* squibbing (peculiar to Bridgwater) in the main street.
Town Centre, Bridgwater, Somerset. Procession 7.15-9.30pm. Free.

LUTON SPECTACULAR: 10,000 people expected at annual display, with bands.
Lower Sports Ground, Wardown Park, Luton, Beds. Tonight, 7.30pm. £1. Under-3s free.

SANDHUTTON PAGEANT: Giant puppets act out local history in a mock village and carnival, set alight afterwards. Torchlight and lantern procession, music.
Sandhutton, near Thirsk, Yorkshire. Tonight, 7.30pm, free.

POLICE SCHOOL DISPLAY: Gates open 5.30pm, bonfire 7.30pm, fireworks from 8pm.
Imber Court, East Molesey, Surrey. Tonight, £1, child free.

RACE COURSE DISPLAY: Gates open 5.30pm, fireworks from 7.30pm. Fun-fair, sideshows, bands.
Kempton Park Race Course, Sunbury on Thames. Saturday, £2.

BIG NIGHT OUT: Torchlight procession from Park Corner, 7.30pm, bonfire at 8pm followed by firework display. Steel band, fun-fair.
Melford Hall Park, Long Melford, Sudbury, Suffolk. Tomorrow, £1.60 child 80p.

RICHMOND BONFIRE NIGHT: Gates open 6pm, bonfire 7pm, firework display from 7.30pm. Fun-fair. Proceeds to local charities.
Twickenham Rugby Ground, Whitton Road, Twickenham, Middlesex. Saturday, £1.50, child £1.

CRYSTAL PALACE BLAZE: Gates open 6.30pm, massive firework display, 8pm. Children's *entertainments.*
Crystal Palace Park, London SE26 Tonight, £2, child £1.

WIMBLEDON DOUBLE BILL: First bonfire 6.30pm followed by fireworks; second bonfire and fireworks from 8.15pm. Fun-fair, sideshows.
Wimbledon Park, London SW19. Tonight. £1.50, child £1.

GREENWICH: Entertainments 7pm fireworks from 8pm.
Blackheath, London SE3. Tonight, free.

GUY FAWKES ON PRIMROSE HILL: Best Guy competition 7pm, bonfire 7.05pm, fireworks from 7.15pm.
Primrose Hill, London NW3. Saturday, admission by donation in return for programme.

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; Films: Geoff Brown; Concerts: Max Harrison; Opera: Hilary Finch; Rock: David Sinclair; Jazz: Clive Davis; Dance: John Percival; Galleries: David Lee; Walks and Talks: Greta Carslaw; Other Events: Judy Froshaug; Bookings: Anne Whitehouse.

BEST SELLING BOOKS

For the week ending Oct 31

FICTION

1	**Moon Tiger,** Penelope Lively	André Deutsch	£ 9.95
2	**The Spring of The Ram,** Dorothy Dunnett	Michael Joseph	£10.95
3	**Wolf Winter,** Clare Francis	Heinemann	£10.95
4	**Winter,** Len Deighton	Century Hutchinson	£10.95
5	**The Palace,** Paul Erdman	André Deutsch	£ 9.95

NON-FICTION

1	**Glorious Needlepoint,** Kaffe Fassett	Century Hutchinson	£16.95
2	**Oscar Wilde,** Richard Ellmann	Hamish Hamilton	£15.00
3	**Pocket Wine Guide 1988,** Hugh Johnson	Mitchell Beazley	£ 4.95
4	**Making of The African Queen,** Katharine Hepburn	Century Hutchinson	£10.95
5	**God Bless Her, Robert Lacey**	Century Hutchinson	£10.95

PAPERBACKS

1	***Floyd on France,** Keith Floyd*	BBC	£ 6.95
2	**The Old Devils,** Kingsley Amis	Penguin	£ 3.95
3	**The Complete Hedgehog,** Les Stocker	Chatto	£10.95
4	**The Fish Course,** Jane Hicks	BBC	£ 6.95
5	**The Balkan Trilogy,** Olivia Manning	Penguin	£ 5.95
6	**The Levant Trilogy,** Olivia Manning	Penguin	£ 4.95
7	**No Enemy But Time,** Evelyn Anthony	Arrow	£ 2.95
8	**A Perfect Spy,** John le Carré	Coronet	£ 3.95
9	**Good Hotel Guide 1988,** Hilary Rubenstein	Hodder	£10.95
10	**A Taste For Death,** P D James	Sphere	£ 3.50

Source: Hatchards, 187 Piccadilly, London W1

ENTERTAINMENTS

CONCERTS

BARBICAN HALL 638 8891/628 8795 No perf tonight. Tomorrow 7.45 **ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA** Sir Charles Groves (cond).

ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL (01-928 3191) 928 8800/741 9999. Tonight 7.30 **ROSTROPOVICH 60TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS.** London Symphony Orchestra. Mem Järvi. ☆ Lutoslawski Cello Concerto. Bloch Schelomo. Tchaikovsky: Rococo Variations.

EXHIBITIONS

36TH KENSINGTON ANTIQUES FAIR New Town Hall, Hornton Street, London, W8. Today and until Sunday 8th November. 11-8 daily, Final Day 12-6. Tel: 01 937 0063.

OPERA & BALLET

COLISEUM S 836 3161 CC 240 5258. Tom 7.30 Rigoletto. Tomor 7.30 The Pearl Fishers.

LONDON PALLADIUM 437 7373 CC First Call 240 7200 (bkg fee. Last 2 Perfs. Today & Tomor 7.30 **SHANGHAI NUNS' THEATRE.** Today's Perf: The Peony Pavilion

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE 240 1066/1911. Staby 10 836 3303. S CC 65 stalls seats avail on the day. Tom 7.30 **THE ROYAL BALLET** Swan Lake Tomor 7.30 The Firebird/Spectre de la Rose/The Rite of Spring. Ballet casting info 01 240 5815.

SADLER'S WELLS 278 8916 First Call CC 24 hr 7 day 240 7200. Exposure's **RASUSHI** The Thousand Cherries of Yoshitsune Until 7 Nov. Eves 7.30. Sat Mat 2.30. 11 -14 Nov Trisha Brown Dance Company from New York.

THEATRES



ADELPHI 836 7611 or 240 7912 /A CC 741 9999/ 836 7588/ 379 4444 Grp Sales 930 6123 First Call 24hr cc 240 7200 (no bkg fee) NOW BOOKING TO APRIL 2 ME AND MY GIRL THE LAMBETH WALK MUSICAL Nightly at 7.30 Mats Wed at 2.30 & Sat 4.30 & 8.00 "THE HAPPIEST SHOW IN TOWN" S Express

ALBERY 836 3878 cc 379 6565/ 379 4444 & 741 9999. Groups 836 3962 "IN THE BEST TRADITION OF SPITTING IMAGE AND MONTY PYTHON" Gdn JOHN SESSIONS' THE LIFE OF NAPOLEON directed by Kenneth Branagh "VERY, VERY FUNNY" Times Eves 8pm & Sat 5pm & 8.30pm FOR 5 WEEKS ONLY!

ALBERY 836 3878 cc 379 6565 741 9999 379 4444 240 7200 Groups 836 3962 NICHOLAS LYNDHURST In Larry Shue's New Comedy THE FORIGNER Previs from Dec 12

ALDWYCH 01 836 6404/0641 cc 379 6233/741 9999 First call 240 7200 (bkg fee) Eves 7.30. Sat 5 & 8.30

FOR A LIMITED SEASON ONLY MICHAEL GAMBON in The National Theatre production of A VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE By Arthur Miller Directed by Alan Ayckbourn

AMBASSADORS 01-836 6111/2 cc 836 1171. First Call (24 hrs/7 days) 240 7200 (bkg fee). Eves 7.30. Wed mat 3. Sat 4 & 8 Royal Shakespeare Company's LES LIAISONS DANGEREUSES Winner of 4 "BEST PLAY" awards. Some tickets avail Mats NOW BOOKING TO MARCH '88

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**HAMPSTEAD

TELEVISION AND RADIO

Compiled by Peter Davalle and Jane Rackham

BBC1

6.00 Ceefax.
6.35 Leon Errol in Mail Trouble (b/w). **6.55** Weather.
7.00 Breakfast Time with Frank Bough, Sally Magnusson and Jeremy Paxman. Includes national and international news at **7.00, 7.30** and **8.00**; regional news and travel reports at **7.15** and **7.45**; weather at **7.25** and **7.55**.
8.30 Going for Gold (r)
8.55 Regional news and weather.
9.00 News, followed by Neighbours (r).
9.20 World Cup Cricket. Coverage of the India v England semifinal match live from Bombay. With commentary from Tony Lewis, Ray Illingworth and Jack Bannister. Includes news and weather at **10.00** and **11.00**. Followed by Children's BBC and Play School.
12.00 News, followed by Daytime Live. Magazine programme presented by Pamela Armstrong, Alan Titchmarsh and Judi Spiers includes an interview with the Duchess of York about her involvement with a new book on the Palace of Westminster.
12.55 Regional News and weather.
1.00 One O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. Weather. **1.30** Neighbours. Charlene and Scott's teenage love affair *threatens to get out of control.*
1.50 Going for Gold. European quiz series presented by Henry Kelly.
2.15 Film: The Scarlet Pimpernel (1934, b/w). French Revolution adventure story starring Leslie Howard as the mysterious, dashing hero who rescues the aristocrats from the guillotine. With Merle Oberon and Raymond Massey. Directed by Harold Young.
3.50 Children's BBC: Wizbit with Paul Daniels. **4.00** Batty Adventures. **4.15** Beat the Teacher. Quiz game with Bruno Brookes. **4.30** Around the World with Willy Fog. Animated adventure serial. **4.55** Newsround. **5.05** Blue Peter with Mark Curry, Caron Keating and Yvette Fielding.
5.35 Masterteam 87. Quiz game for *teams presented by Angela* Rippon.
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Nicholas Witchell and Philip Hayton. **6.35** London Plus.
7.00 Top of the Pops. Top 40 chart hits introduced by Mike Smith and Janice Long. With George Harrison, the Bee Gees and T'pau.
7.30 EastEnders (Ceefax).
8.00 Tomorrow's World celebrates the 121st birthday of the Great British dish fish 'n' chips by examining the way technology is infiltrating the chip shop; plus a report on collecting data from *simulated car accidents.*
8.30 In Sickness and In Health. Alf gets caught up in the world of new technology when he is given a cordless telephone; but it causes him more problems than it answers. Starring Warren Mitchell.
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis and Philip Hayton. Followed by regional news and weather.
9.30 The Mistress. Carla Lane's comedy series starring Felicity Kendal as the other woman and Jane Asher as the unsuspecting wife (r).
10.00 Question Time. Sir Robin Day's guests include David Sainsbury, finance director of the high street supermarket chain as well as Jack Straw, MP, Ann Burdus, deputy chairman of Audits of Great Britain, and William Waldegrave MP.
11.00 The Untouchables (b/w). Eliot Ness and his agents are called on to protect New York's innocent shopkeepers against the coercion *of racketeer Terranova.*
11.50 Save a Life. This edition of Dr Alan Maryon Taylor's emergency first aid series shows the life-saving technique of mouth-to-mouth breathing (r)
12.00 Weather.

BBC2

3.25 *am World Cup Cricket. India v* England, live from Bombay.
9.00 Ceefax.
9.25 Daytime on Two: Treffpunkt — Osterreich **9.42** Textile Studies **10.15** Science Workshop **10.38** Investigating Science **11.00** Thinkabout **11.15** Near and Far — Now and Then **11.35** Scene **12.05** Science Topics **12.25** General Studies **12.50** *Micro File A.*
1.20 Bertha (r).
2.00 News, followed by Watch.
2.15 Championship Bowls. Coverage of the CIS Insurance UK Singles Bowls Championship. *Includes news and weather at* **3.00** and **3.50.**
5.30 Advice Shop. Margo MacDonald examines the support available to the 1.25 million people who care for a disabled relative at home.
6.00 World Cup Cricket. Highlights.
6.50 Cover to Cover. First of the book review series discusses Richard Ellman's *Oscar Wilde*, Dan Jacobsons's *Her Story* and Patricia Highsmith's collection of short stories *Tales of Natural and Unnatural Catastrophes.*
7.20 *Thinking Aloud.* Breyten Breytenbach, Africaaner writer, Bruce Chatwin, traveller and writer, and Ariel Dorfman, Latin American novelist, discuss whether we need roots.
8.00 Call My Bluff. Arthur Marshall is joined by Gillian Lynne and Robert Kilroy-Silk; Frank Muir by Barbara Dickson and Timothy West.
8.30 *Top Gear. Sue Baker tests a* right-hand drive Russian Lada Samara; car of the decade features the Austin Mini.
9.00 Alas Smith and Jones. Comedy sketches (Ceefax).
9.30 *40 Minutes:* Terror. (Ceefax) (see Choice).
10.10 Shostakovich. Michael Berkeley introduces a major festival of the composer's work.
10.15 Championship Bowls. First of the quarterfinals.
10.50 Newsnight with Peter Snow, Donald MacCormick and Adam Raphael.
11.35 Weatherview.
11.40 Championship Bowls. Further coverage from Preston. Ends **12.15.**

ITV/LONDON

6.00 TV-am introduced by Kay Burley and Mike Morris.
7.00 Good Morning Britain presented by Anne Diamond and Mike Morris. News at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** and **9.00.** After Nine with Jayne Irving includes Claire Rayner answering queries on cancer.
9.25 Thames News Headlines.
9.30 Runway. Travel quiz with Chris Serle.
10.00 Santa Barbara. **10.25** News Headlines.
10.30 The Time . . . The Place. Mike Scott chairs a discussion on a topical subject.
11.10 Puddle Lane. Puppet show with Neil Innes. **11.25** Thames News Headlines.
11.30 Look Good, Feel Great *includes a demonstration by* make-up artist Barbara Daly.
12.00 The Sullivans. Australian drama.
12.30 News. **12.50** Thames News.
1.00 Falcon Crest. Drama serial set *in California about a wealthy* wine-growing family.
1.55 Home Cookery Club. Beef and Bean Casserole.
2.00 Cross Wits. Word game presented by Tom O'Connor.
2.30 All Our Yesterdays. Bernard Braden looks back at the 1962 Royal Variety Show which included Bob Hope and Cliff Richard.
3.00 Take the High Road. Morag gives Lynne some advice; and Mrs Mack is not in Sergeant Murray's good books.
3.25 Thames News Headlines.
3.30 Sons and Daughters.
4.00 Children's ITV presented by Gary Terzza and Debbie Shore. Flicks. **4.10** The Adventures of Tintin **4.20** Chish 'n' Fips **4.45** The Haunted School. **5.15** Blockbusters. **5.45** News
6.00 Thames News. **6.25** Help. The work of *Livewire* who help young people to start their own business.
6.35 Crossroads.
7.00 Emmerdale Farm.
7.30 Only When I Laugh. Comedy series set in the men's ward of a hospital, starring James Bolam and Peter Bowles (r).
8.00 Strike It Lucky. High-tech quiz game presented by Michael Barrymore.
8.30 This Week presented by Jonathan Dimbleby reviews the work of the UN's famine relief body — the Food and Agriculture Organization — and its Lebanese director-general, Edouard Saouma, who is currently standing for re-election.
9.00 The Equalizer. McCall gets involved in the world of espionage when some secret information disappears. Starring Edward Woodward.
10.00 News at Ten.
10.30 The City Programme. On the day the Monopolies and Merger Commission reports, the current affairs programme asks whether British Caledonian will be of benefit to British Airways
11.00 01 for London. Critical guide to London's music, fashion, arts and entertainment scenes.
11.30 Prisoner Cell Block H. Australian drama series set in a women's prison.
12.30 Meltdown. The Christians in concert.
1.00 A Problem Aired. Dr Sue Blake advises viewers on their emotional and personal difficulties.
1.30 Jessie. A battered woman needs Jessie's help. Starring Lindsay Wagner.
2.30 News, followed by Too Close for Comfort. Muriel's college friend pays a visit.
3.00 Film: Night of the Juggler (1979). Thriller set in New York starring James Brolin as the ex-cop whose 15-year old *daughter is kidnapped by a* psychopath who mistakenly believes her to be related to a wealthy property tycoon. Directed by Robert Butler.
5.00 World News. **5.30** CNN Headline News.

CHANNEL 4

9.30 Schools.
12.00 Business Daily.
12.30 Just 4 Fun: Moschops, followed by Bodytalk and Car With A Red Heart.
1.00 Circuit Training. Demystifying electronics (Oracle).
1.30 How To Survive the 9 to 5 (Oracle) (r).
2.00 Their Lordships' House (r).
2.15 Film: Millions Like Us (1943, b/w). *Vintage British drama* centring on a family split by the advent of the Second World War. Starring Eric Portman and Patricia Roc. Directed by Sidney Gilliat and Frank Launder.
4.05 Film: Listen To Britain (b/w). Documentary about the British people at war.
4.30 Countdown.
5.00 Film: The Belle of New York (1952, b/w). Musical starring Fred Astaire as a turn of the century playboy who falls in love with a Salvation Army crusader. Directed by Charles Walters.
6.30 The Sharp End. John Lloyd presents a new series about issues in the workplace including health and safety, employment law, industrial *disputes and equal opportunity.*
7.00 Channel 4 News (Oracle).
7.50 Comment, weather.
8.00 Equinox: Earthquake Country. Science and technology series continues with an examination of earthquake control (Oracle).
9.00 Film: Murder by Death (1976). Neil Simon's whodunit comedy parodying such famous fictional detectives as Miss Marple, Sam Spade and Charlie Chan. All-star cast includes Peter Sellers, David Niven, Maggie Smith and Truman Capote. Directed by Robert Moore (Oracle).
10.50 The Highest Court. Award-winning Latvian documentary observing a murder case from investigation through to trial and sentence.
12.10 Sweet Disaster. Animation about Armageddon (r).
12.20 Their Lordships' House.
12.30 Film: La Ronde (1950, b/w). A mélange of romantic encounters conducted by Anton Walbrook as a carousel operator. Other stars include Gerard Philipe and Simone Signoret. English subtitles. Ends **2.15.**

The long journey back

TELEVISION CHOICE



Hijack victim Kurt Carlson who says he had a vision of Christ: 40 Minutes, BBC2, 9.30pm

● In June 1985, an airliner on TWA flight 847 was hijacked by Shia muslim terrorists and forced to land at Algiers airport. For several agonizing days, the fate of the passengers and crew became international news. But the crisis was eventually resolved, and after joyous reunions, the story faded from the headlines. For the hostages, however, there began a long period of readjustment to normal life, and more than two years afterwards the emotional scars have yet to heal. In the first of a new series, *40 Minutes* (BBC2, 9.30pm), looks at how three people's lives were changed by the ordeal. Betty *Howes, a British stewardess,* was pinned in a corner and threatened with a hand grenade. Released after 36 hours, she returned to her home in South Wales, trying to pick up the threads of family life but coming to realize that she was a different person. Her marriage suffered and she and her husband are living apart. Bob Brown was held captive for 16 days, sharing a single room in Beirut with four other Americans, *alternately bored and* terrified. An international businessman who had spent years jetting across the world, Brown found that he could no longer face getting on a plane and he gave up his job to become a local rep selling medical equipment. Kurt Carlson, from Illinois, was bound and blindfolded and beaten for two hours with the steel arm of a chair and says that he was ready to die. Lying *semi-conscious* on the flight deck, he had a vision of Jesus Christ and he is convinced that God intervened to save his life. A born-again Christian, he now regards the hijack as a blessing which enabled him and his family to discover a new faith.

Peter Waymark

Radio 1

MW (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see below)
News on the half-hour from **6.30** am until **8.30** pm, then at **10.00** and **12.00** midnight
5.30 Adrian John **7.00** Mike Smith's Breakfast Show **9.30** Simon Bates **12.30** pm Newsbeat **12.45** Gary Davies **3.00** Steve Wright **5.30** Newsbeat **5.45** Bruno Brookes **7.30** Janice Long **9.00** Peeling Back the Years (John Peel talks to John Walters) **10.00-12.00** Andy Kershaw. VHF Stereo Radios 1 and 2: **4.00** am As Radio 2. **10.00** pm As Radio 1 **12.00-4.00** am As Radio 2.

Radio 2

MW (medium wave). Stereo on *VHF (see Radio 1)*
News on the hour. Sports Round-Up **8.50** am **4.00** am Colin Berry **5.30** Ray Moore **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Jimmy Young **1.05** pm David Jacobs **2.00** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Adrian Love **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Country Club **9.00** Rhythm and Blues **10.00** The News Huddlines **10.30** Star Sound Cinema (Nick Jackson) **11.00** Round Midnight **1.00** am Nightride **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music.

WORLD SERVICE

All times are given in GMT
6.00am Newsdesk 6.30 Londres Matin 7.00 News 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours 7.30 Best of British 7.45 Network UK 8.00 World News 8.09 Reflections 8.15 Country Style 8.30 John Peel 9.00 News 9.09 Review of British Press 9.15 World Today 9.30 Financial News followed by Sports Roundup 9.45 Training for Tomorrow 10.00 News 10.01 Assignment 10.30 Don't Stop Now, It's Fundation 11.00 News 11.09 News About Britain 11.15 New Ideas 11.25 Book Choice 11.30 Londres Midi 12.00 Radio Newsreel 12.15pm Multitrack 2 — Top Twenty 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 News 1.09 Twenty-Four Hours 1.30 Network UK 1.45 Dave Gelly's Songbook 2.00 Outlook 2.45 Write On ... 3.00 Radio Newsreel 3.15 Pleasure's Yours 4.00 News 4.09 Commentary 4.15 Assignment 4.45 World Today 5.00 News 5.09 Letter From England 5.15 English by Radio 5.45 Londres Soir 6.30 Heute Aktuell 8.00 News 8.09 Twenty-Four Hours 8.30 Meridian 9.00 News 9.01 Summary of a Fox-Hunting Man 9.15 Jolly Good Show 10.00 News 10.09 World Today 10.25 Letter From England 10.30 Financial News 10.40 Reflections 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 News 11.09 Commentary 11.15 Merchant Navy Programme 11.30 Time For Verse 11.40 Farming World 12.00 News 12.09 *News About Britain 12.15 Radio Newsreel* 12.30 Music Now 1.00 News 1.01 Outlook 1.30 Dave Gelly's Songbook 1.45 Memoirs of a Fox-Hunting Man 2.00 News 2.09 Review of British Press 2.15 Tech Talk 2.30 Citizens 3.00 News 3.09 News About Britain 3.15 World Today 3.30 Vintage Chart Show 4.00 Newsdesk 4.30 Six Four Eight 4.35 Financial News 4.45 Morgenmagazin 5.45 World Today.

Radio 3

3.30 am. VHF and MW. World Cup Cricket (India v England in Bombay). Until **11.20** am. On MW only from **6.55** am
6.55 Weather **7.00** News
7.05 Morning Concert: Vaughan Williams (Oboe Concerto: Celia Nicklin, with Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields). Handel (Concerto Grosso in B minor, Op 6 No 12: English Concert). Elgar (In the South overture: Scottish National)
8.00 News bulletin
8.05 Concert (continued): Kabalevsky (Colas Breugnon overture: Scottish National). Shostakovich (Piano Concerto No 2: Bernstein, with New York PO). Dubois (Quatuor pour saxophones: the Fairer Sax). Strauss (Waltzes from Der Rosenkavalier, arr Kempe: Dresden State Orchestra)
9.00 World Service News
9.10 *This Week's Composer:* Falla. Harpsichord Concerto in D (Falla on harpsichord), Psyché (French String Trio, with Victoria de los Angeles, soprano), Nights in the *Gardens of Spain (Alicia de* Larrocha, piano, with LPO)
10.00 A Harmony in Autumn: Vivaldi (Autumn, The Seasons: Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields), Quilter (*Autumn evening, Op 14 No* 1: David Wilson-Johnson, baritone; David Owen Norris, piano), Delius (Chanson d'automne: Sarah Walker, mezzo, with Eric Fenby, piano), Fauré (Automne Op 18 No 3: Gregory Reinhart, baritone), Brahms (Herbstgefuhl and Wolf (Herbstentschluss: Fischer-Dieskau, baritone, with Barenboim, piano), Tchaikovsky (September, October and November: Earl Wild, piano), Schubert (Herbst, D 945: Fischer-Dieskau, with Brendel, piano), Glazunov (Autumn, The Seasons: Philharmonia)
11.00 Brahms: Villiers Piano Quartet perform Quartet No 3
11.35 *Six Continents:* foreign radio broadcasts (r)
11.55 Two Concertos: performed by Maria-Joao Pires, piano, and Saar Radio SO under Zinman. Mozart (Piano *Concerto No 21*), Lutoslawski (Concerto for Orchestra)
1.00 News bulletin
1.05 Bristol Concert: Stamic Quartet of Prague. Haydn (*Quartet in D minor, Op 76* No 2), Mozart (Quartet in B flat, K 458)
2.00 Music and Shakespeare: Royal Liverpool Philharmonic (under Mackerras), with Andrea Bolton (soprano). Patricia Bardon (mezzo). Liverpool Philharmonic Choir. Dvorak (Othello overture). Berlioz (including Romeo alone; Feast of the Capulets; Love scene), Mendelssohn (A Midsummer Night's Dream)
3.50 Piano recital: Bernard Roberts in all-Fauré programme, including Impromptus Nos 4 and 6; and Barcarolles Nos 7 and 8. Also Nocturnes, including No 9 and 10
4.25 A Conversation and a Memory: Cantilena perform Thomas Wilson's Mosaics, and William Wordsworth's Excelsior for strings
5.00 World Service News
5.10 Mainly for Pleasure; with Edward Seckerson
6.25 Bandstand: Point of Ayr Colliery Band. John Golland (Sounds), Vaughan Williams (Variations) **6.55** News
7.00 Scandinavian Choral Music: Danish Radio Chamber Choir, Swedish Radio Choir, Finnish Radio Choir. *Sibelius (Isaanmaalle).* Kuula (Lyo Sydan). Palmgren (Juhannus). Baeck (Morkret Skall Skilja). Weyse (Three songs on German texts). Johansson (*Three Classical madrigals*)
7.30 Words: talk by Lord Rawlinson
7.35 Piano recital: Moritz Rosenthal plays Chopin works — Mazurkas in D, Op 33 No 2; in B, *Op 63 No 1;* in G, Op 67 No 1; in A flat, Op 24 No 3
7.45 La straniera (The Stranger): The Wexford Festival production of Bellini's two-act opera. Sung in Italian. Direct from the Queen Elizabeth Hall, London. RTE SO under Jan Latham-Koenig, with Wexford Festival Chorus, and soloists including Renata Daltin (title role), Jake Gardner, Ingus Peterson, Cynthia Clarey, Mikhail Kirnikov, and Philip Doghan. At **8.55**, Michael Dervan talks about the Wexford festival. Act two **9.10**
10.20 Music in our Time: South Bank Electric Weekend. Philip Mead (piano). Javier *Alvarez's Papaloti, for piano* and tape; Simon Emmerson's Piano Piece IV; Stephen Montague's Tongues of fire, for piano, *live electronics, and tape*
11.20 Mozart: Berlin Philharmonic play Symphony No 36
11.57 News **12.00** Closedown

Isa Miranda and Gérard Philipe: C4, 12.30am

BBC1 WALES

5.35pm-6.00 Wales Today **6.35-7.00** Keen on the Pitch **12.00-12.05am** News and weather **SCOTLAND 9.25am-9.30** Dotaman **6.35pm-7.00** Reporting Scotland **NORTHERN IRELAND 5.35pm-5.40** Today's Sport **5.40-6.00** Inside Ulster **6.35-7.00** Masterteam 87 **8.30-9.00** Spotlight **12.00-12.05am** News and weather **ENGLAND 6.35pm-7.00** Regional news magazines

ANGLIA

As London except: **12.50pm** News **1.00-2.00** Outsiders **6.00-6.35** About Anglia **7.00-8.00** Murder, She Wrote **10.30** Green Farm **11.00** Kojak **12.00** Donahue **1.00** The Forum Presents **2.00-2.30** Cover Story **3.00** Film: *When Dinosaurs Ruled the* Earth **5.00** Once Upon a Time...Man **5.30** Easy Street **6.00** Closedown.

BORDER

As London except: **12.50pm** News **1.00-2.00** Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased) **3.00** Clegg's People **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **6.00-6.35** Lookaround **10.30** Magnum **11.30** Matthew Brown Pool Classic **12.30am** Closedown.

CENTRAL

As London except: **12.00-12.30pm** Young Doctors **12.50** News **1.00-2.00** Love Boat **6.00-6.35** News **10.30** Central Lobby **11.05** Sportsworld

VARIATIONS

12.00 Film: Klute **2.05am** Dateline Thursday **3.05** News, Jobfinder.

CHANNEL

As London except: **12.00-12.30pm** **12.50** News **1.00** Recollections **1.30** Country Practice **2.00-2.30** Saltbreeze **3.00-3.30** Childs Play **6.00-6.35** Channel Report **10.30** Prisoner: Cell Block H **11.30** Party with the Rovers **12.00** Timothy de Quattaville **12.05am** Man in a Suitcase.

GRAMPIAN

As London except: **12.50pm** News **1.00-2.00** Love Boat **3.00** Sons and Daughters **3.30** Smurfs **3.45-4.00** Trang Trang **6.00-6.35** North Tonight **7.00-7.30** Take the High Road **10.30** America's Top Ten **11.00** Crann Tara **11.30** Oil **12.30am** News, Closedown.

GRANADA

As London except: **12.50pm** Granada Reports **1.00-2.00** Country Practice **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **6.00** Granada Reports **6.25** This is Your Right **6.30-7.00** Crossroads **10.30** Stats of the Region **11.00** 9 to 5 **11.30** At the Forum **12.25am** Closedown.

HTV WEST

As London except: **12.50pm** News **1.00-1.55** Country Practice **6.00-6.35** News **10.30** West This Week **11.10** Weekend Outlook **11.15** Hunter **12.15am** Closedown.

HTV WALES

As HTV West except: **6.00pm-6.35** Wales at Six **10.30** Wales This Week **11.00** Artists of Wales **11.30-12.30am** Hunter.

SCOTTISH

As London except: **12.50pm** News **1.00-2.00** Country Practice **3.00** Human Factor **3.30-4.00** That's The Law **6.00-6.35** Scotland Today **7.00-7.30** Take the High Road **10.30** Scottish Questions **11.15** America's Top Ten **11.45** Late Call **11.50** Crann Tara **12.20am** Closedown.

TSW

As London except: **12.50pm** News **1.00-2.00** Randall and Hopkirk **6.00** Today **6.25** Survival of the Fittest **6.55** Televiews **7.05-7.30** Easy Street **10.32** Prisoner Cell Block H **11.25** The Forum Presents **12.25am** Postscript, Closedown.

TVS

As London except: **12.00-12.30pm** Young Doctors **12.50** News **1.00** Recollections **1.30** Country Practice **2.00-2.30** Sullivans **3.00-3.30** Child's Play **6.00-6.35** Coast to Coast **10.30** Prisoner Cell Block H **11.30** Agenda **12.00** Employment Action! **12.05am** Man in a Suitcase **1.00** Company, Closedown.

TYNE TEES

As London except: **12.50pm** News **1.00-2.00** Outsiders **6.00-6.35** Northern Life **10.32** First Edition **11.00** Film: Green Grow the Rushes" **12.30** Aspects of Forgiveness, Closedown.

ULSTER

As London except: **12.50pm** Newstime **1.00** Short Story Theatre **1.30-2.00** Out of Town **3.30-4.00** Bygones **6.00** Six Tonight **6.25-6.35** Police Six **10.30** Counterpoint **11.00** Finding Fex Future **12.00** Easy Street **12.25am** Newstime, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE

As London except: **12.00-12.30pm** Lunchtime Live **12.50** News **1.00-2.00** Carson's Law **6.00-6.35** Calendar **10.30** Jimmy's **11.30** Tales from the Darkside **12.00** Celebrity **3.00am** Jobfinder **4.00** Closedown.

S4C

Starts: **9.30am** Schools **12.00** Business Daily **12.30pm** Countdown **1.00** Open College **2.00** *Film: Iceland" 3.30 Munsters' 4.00* Filabalam **4.10** Sam Tan **4.20** Hatoc **4.55** Joni Jones **5.20** I Dream of Jeannie **6.00** Brookside **6.30** What It's Worth **7.00** Newyddion Saith **7.30** Rosseland A Myrddin **8.00** Fferms **8.35** Sud **9.25** Hill Street Blues **10.30** Damon and Debbie **11.30** Solti **12.20am** Film: La Ronde" **2.05** Closedown.

Radio 4

LW (long wave). (s) Stereo on VHF
5.55 Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming **6.25** Prayer (s)
6.30 Today, incl **6.30, 7.30, 8.30** News **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.00, 8.00** News **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.35** Yesterday *in Parliament* **8.57** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Punters (new series): An opportunity for members of the public to make their own investigative radio programme. With Sue Marling and Nigel Farrell (see Choice)
9.45 An Infamous Address: Five programmes which revisit the scenes of celebrated crimes, scandals and intrigues (1) Providence House, Peasenhall, Suffolk. With Roger Wilkes
10.00 News; The Natural History Programme: Fergus Kelling joins David Bellamy in Turkey
10.45 An Act of Worship:
11.00 News; Travel; Citizens: another episode of the serial (see Choice)
11.25 Conversation Piece: Sue MacGregor meets Vivien and Michael Noakes, a husband and wife writer and painter who talk about their life and work
11.50 African Encounters: Ferdi Dennis talks about his visit to Africa (2) Dar-es-Salaam
12.00 News; You and Yours: presented by John Howard
12.25 After Henry: Bittersweet comedy series with Prunella Scales, Joan Sanderson and Gerry Cowper as three generations of women in the same family (see Choice) (s) *12.55 Weather*
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Woman's Hour: interview with Hilary Armstrong MP for Durham North West, daughter of Ernest Armstrong who held the same seat for Labour for 23 years
3.00 News; Play: Ave Maria, by *Jane Rawlinson. With Kate* Flynn and Aiden Grennell. What happens when the body of a young girl is found in front of the Virgin's statue (s)
4.00 News
4.05 Bookshelf: Writer and broadcaster Daniel Farson recalls the Bohemian inhabitants of Soho in the Fifties — the subject of his recent book
4.35 Kaleidoscope: includes items on The Age of *Chivalry exhibition at the RA*
5.00 PM **5.50** Shipping **5.55** Weather
6.00 News, incl *Financial Report*
6.30 My Music: Steve Race chairs the musical panel game, with players John Amis, Frank Muir and Ian Wallace, Denis Norden
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 Any Answers?: A chance to air your views on some of the subjects raised in last week's Any Questions? Introduced by Derek Jones
7.30 Wildlife Encore: To Fly Where The Sun Never Sets. The life story of an Arctic tern by Paul Thomas. Narrated by Andrew Sachs
8.15 Analysis: The Other Opposition. Peter Hennessy examines the changing role of the House of Lords
9.00 Does He Take Sugar? Magazine of special interest to the disabled. With Kati Whitaker
9.30 Phil Smith returns to the BBC Sound Archives
9.45 Kaleidoscope: topics include Hamlet Machine, at the Almeida Theatre, London; the film Maurice; MacLaverty's book The Great Profundo, and Other Stories; and the Commonwealth Poetry Prize. Presented by Nigel Andrews
10.15 A Book at Bedtime: The Child in Time (4). Read by Norman Jones
10.30 The World Tonight: presented by Richard Kershaw
11.15 *The Financial World Tonight*
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00 News; Weather **12.33** Shipping
VHF as above except: **9.05-10.45** am For Schools. **9.05** Preview **9.10** Together — An Assembly for Schools **9.30** Living Language **9.50** First Steps in Drama **10.10** Something to Think About **10.20** Discovery: Help! **10.30** Talkwaves **11.00-12.00** For Schools. **1.55** Listening Corner **2.05** Looking at Nature **2.20** Let's Make a Story! **2.30** Pictures in Your Mind (Poetry) **2.40** Listen! **5.50-5.55** PM (continued) **12.30-1.10** am Schools Night-Time. 20th-Century Witness. **12.30** The Blitz (1) **12.50** The Blitz (2)

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RADIO CHOICE

Prunella Scales: After Henry, R4, 12.25pm

● With listener input into radio programming increasing at such a rate on both BBC and independent radio, you would be forgiven for thinking that community radio, far from reposing in the pending tray, is *already accomplished* fact. And on paper (BBC Radio handout), an investigative programme called Punters which makes its debut today (Radio 4, 9.05am), sounds like another giant stride forward for people power. Although there is a nominal BBC representation in the shape of Sue Marling and Nigel Farrell, it is we, the listeners, who hold the microphone, ask the questions, make the tough phone *calls, and even decide what to* do next.
● Presumably, *Punters* might have been called Citizens if the new twice-weekly drama serial (Radio 4, 11.00am) had not already bagged the name. Now into what is only its second week of life, the saga of Limerick Road is already settling into No 5 like a seasoned tenant
● Long before now, I ought to have said something nice about After Henry (Radio 4, 12.25pm). At your peril, you ignore any series starring Prunella Scales. She is, however, only one of the many delights in this domestic comedy.

Peter Davalle

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RUMOUR by Doug Lucie
INDIGO by Heidi Thomas
A QUESTION OF GEOGRAPHY by John Berger and Nella Bielski
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Nato backs missile pact

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pleased" with the INF negotiations. The concern shown by Europe after the Reykjavik summit in October last year had *now evaporated*.

Mr Younger said he was angry that some senior public figures in the US were still making political capital out of the supposed divisions between Washington and Europe over INF. He was referring, in particular, to Mr Alexander Haig, the former US Secretary of State, who is standing as a presidential candidate.

Mr Younger said: "Europe is no longer unhappy. There is absolute unanimity of support for an INF deal. It's wrong for American politicians to say that we are still unhappy."

These outspoken remarks and the support shown by the other defence ministers were *all part of a ploy to create a* new mood of optimism which, it is hoped, will encourage the US Senate to ratify the *INF* treaty next year. The treaty will be signed by Mr Reagan and Mr Gorbachov in Washington on December 7.

Even General John Galvin, the new Supreme Allied Commander in Europe, who gave a warning *only six weeks ago* that an INF deal would be dangerous unless steps were taken to "buttress" Nato's remaining nuclear and conventional forces, has apparently changed his tune.

Mr Caspar Weinberger, the US Defence Secretary, said that unless the treaty was ratified by the Senate the Russians "would not pull their missiles out".

Mr Weinberger, whose resignation as Defence Secretary is to be announced formally today, revealed that, apart from the verification issue, there were still negotiations under way in Geneva on the withdrawal period and the *mix of missiles* that would be involved – which ones would go first.

Although further deployments could still go ahead between now and Senate ratification of the treaty, Nato's INF inventory consists at *present of 108 Pershing 2s*, based in West Germany, and 240 ground-launched cruise missiles, with 96 in Britain, 16 in West Germany, 112 in Comiso, Italy, and 16 in Belgium.

Nato's High Level Group and *Military Committee will* be working together in the next few months to draw up a detailed analysis of where Nato goes next.

In his broadcast, directed to Europe, President Reagan praised the growing defence co-operation in Europe, calling the statement signed last week by defence and foreign ministers of the Western European Union an "impressive declaration"

He said that, for its part, the US reaffirmed its commitment to Nato and to the security of Europe, with or *without a new treaty on* intermediate-range nuclear forces.

Springtime froufrou has touch of class



Lauren's romantic classics include, from left, a flower print chiffon skirt with tweed jacket, a soft pink suede suit, and a deep navy satin slender suit.

By Liz Smith, Fashion Editor

The grand piano installed in New York designer Ralph Lauren's Seventh Avenue showroom played out his romantic message right through the show – "As time goes by". But his sensual little chiffon skirts slipping *out beneath tiny* tweed jackets, and his pairing of satin with cashmere and lace under taffeta, needed little help to spell out the lyrical line being offered for Spring 88.

It is easy to see how Ralph Lauren's unshakable conviction that quality and class come before any passing *fancy stands him in good stead. In the* prevailing mood of froufrou in frivolity, Lauren succeeds in capturing the romance of the look without veering once from his own assured classy style.

His success in translating into ready-to-wear at several different price levels that *Old-Money*, horsey look has resulted in a fashion and home furnishings empire now worth more than $1.2 billion (£750 million). In 1986, he spent $14 million on the restoration of the Rhinelander mansion on Madison Avenue and opened a flagship store selling men's and women's fashions as well as home furnishings. The first Ralph Lauren shop outside the US opened six years ago in Bond Street, and has been followed with shops in Paris, Munich, St Tropez, Deauville and two in *Belgium. A Geneva branch opened* last week. The only American designer with such a fashion presence across Europe, Ralph Lauren keeps well in focus the needs of his international clientele.

For them his blazer is replaced by a short, curvy tweed jacket, sometimes with a gentle shawl collar. His skirts are short and slender or flutter just *above the knee. Colours for spring are* vanilla and honey beige, cocoa and prune. Softer sugary shades of apricot, mauve, ice blue and palest apple are worn in mouthwatering combinations of taffeta in short full skirts and sashes, *with plain* black crepe de Chine halter tops and tee-shirts.

***In New York this week* Lauren, looking energetic and fit after months of convalescence, has been given a warm welcome *back on Seventh* Avenue. His latest collection shown yesterday provides his customer on both sides of the Atlantic with a comfortable and totally modern alternative to *"la pouf"*.**

Parliamentary sketch

Place of comfort welcomes its own

HRH Princess Margaret beamed graciously down from the Gallery as Mr *Norman St. John Stevas* breathed his last. Dressed in his scarlet and ermine, he was about to become The Lord St. John of Fawsley. He paraded slowly into the chamber of the House of Lords, the tips of his mouth veering downwards to the floor in the appropriate expression of gravitas.

Anyone less versed than Mr St John Stevas in the customs of the Palace of Westminster might have mistaken the ceremony for an impending judgement of execution. In front of him sat the new Lord Chancellor, a black tricorn hat perched atop his wig. To his left sat two Bishops, their hands clasped as if in prayer. Above him, a quantity of elegantly coifed women looked down, their knitting happily absent.

"Norman Anthony Francis St. John Stevas..." *the name* was pronounced with the solemnity of a call to the scaffold. But then came the good news. He was now Norman, Baron St. John of Fawsley of Preston Capes in our county of Northampton.

After he had been sworn in, he followed his two sponsors, Lord Home of the Hirsel and Lord Charteris of Amisfield, to a side bench. There the *three were conducted* by a Jack of Diamonds in the repeated doffing of their hats in the direction of the Lord Chancellor. One doff, two doffs, three doffs: less sober figures performing the same actions in more vulgar *surroundings* would have come perilously close to resembling excitable holiday-makers yelling "That's All Folks!" in an Amateur Hour routine. But dignity was never safer than in these hands.

After the short ceremony was over, Lord St. John of Fawsley disrobed and took his place among the sea of slightly familiar faces. Hugh Scanlon, Len Murray, Woodrow Wyatt, Keith Joseph: memory lane was never better populated. One half expected Mr Tommy Steele, Mr *Reginald Kray*, The Andrews Sisters and Mr Bobby Moore to be somewhere about the place.

How very much more comfortable the new Baron will be in *his new environment!* While members of the House of Commons were being chastised for their unseemly language, Their Lordships were exchanging compliments with one another on the excellence of the *new report* into their procedures. Introducing the report, Lord Whitelaw thanked the committee for their excellent work. Lord Aberdare thanked all the clerks and all their Lordships who had taken the trouble to fill in the questionnaire. Everyone had been an immense help.

The gentlest massage on the temples at the end of a tiring day would seem as nothing beside the even tones of Lord Aberdare. Rarely has inoffensiveness given less offence. "....Some of your Lordships felt that Question Time was becoming somewhat rowdy; others found *it interesting* and lively....The difficulty is that whatever one peer believes to be important may not appear so to another..." Such calm and tranquillity in Another Place would be interrupted within seconds by the cackle of a Skinner or the phantom howl of a Dickens.

"No doubt most of your Lordships prefer short speeches..." *continued* Lord Aberdare.

"'Hear! Hear" agreed their Lordships.

"...particularly from others" added Lord Aberdare. By and large, the committee had decided that there was no need for too much change. If anyone spoke for more than the alloted fifteen minutes "discreet murmurings" might be more appropriate than any more draconian enforcement.

Lord Shackleton than praised the report as "very well written". He compared the good manners of the Lords with the unruly behaviour of the *Commons*. The only slightly harsh words he had for the Upper House were reserved for the lifts, which took two minutes to go up eleven floors. It would be awfully nice if they could go a bit faster. A gentle smile *playing on his lips, Lord St.* John of Fawsley sat back in his seat, a man content.

Craig Brown

Mighty Nile is drying up after 8 years of drought

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ern hemisphere has warmed up by half a degree centigrade, and water has cooled by the *same amount in the north.*

Over the past decade, this change, perhaps triggered by the way the increasing levels of carbon dioxide are heating *the atmosphere*, has shifted the rain belt slightly to the south. Some scientists believe this could be permanent, thus gradually denying the Nile of water.

These scientific deductions have been passed to officials of the Ministry of Public Works and Water Resources, so they can decide what to do to minimize the impact of the looming water shortage. They *face a politically dangerous* decision.

In the six years up to 1985, Egypt took out more water than was allowed. Most was used in irrigation, with the rest being used for towns and industry, or diverted to the oasis city of El Fayoum. Only by *cutting irrigation supplies* could the amount of water be reduced.

Work to save some of the remaining water, which currently drain away to the sea, is being planned, but it will take years. It includes a new barrage with a power station at Edfina, near the Nile's mouth at Rosetta, to mobilize the water which runs straight into the Mediterranean. Other *schemes are for re-using the* water which flows out through drains to the sea. All these projects will take years to complete, while there is now the risk of the water running out by next summer.

It is risky to reduce the flow from Aswan. Since the High Dam was built, the flow of silt to the sea has stopped and the river current has scoured out the bank, causing a drop in the surface level. That puts the *crucial barrages in upper* Egypt, notably at Isna, south of Luxor, in danger because they were constructed to control water at a different level.

Structural stability would be at risk if water were not released to maintain something like the original levels. Again, projects to replace them will take time and money, neither of which are available.

A decision cannot wait. Either the amount of water *will have to be reduced* this year to ensure that some stocks remain at Lake Nasser, or present flows, essential for plans to revitalize the economy, will be maintained in the hope that next year will see an end to the drought.

IRA weapons ship loaded by Libyans

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280-mile border with the Irish Republic because of danger from land mines.

The helicopters, known as Eagle patrols, drop small units of soldiers and policemen at carefully selected spots where they launch cautious patrols through fields and woodlands and also check road movements from observation posts.

If helicopters were to become vulnerable, patrolling would have to be revised and security force mobility would be drastically reduced.

Security sources said that for several years, the IRA have been eager to purchase the Soviet made Sam-7s.

The Sam-7 has an infra-red *guidance system that directs* the warhead to an aircraft's exhaust. It is portable and has a range of up to 1.5 miles.

IRA attacks have made it risky for British troops to travel by road since 1979, when 18 soldiers were killed at Warrenpoint by IRA bombs.

The most recent known attempt by the IRA to obtain more sophisticated weaponry was in the autumn of 1984 when it paid £1.5 million for delivery from the United States of seven tonnes of arms. This cargo, aboard the Marita *Ann, was seized off the Kerry* coast.

Irish police said in Dublin that the 150 tonnes of arms and ammunition on board the Eksund, valued at £15 million, was destined for use by the IRA in a big offensive against the British security forces.

The find is regarded by both the Garda and the Royal Ulster Constabulary as significant setback for the IRA army council

Forging a £12,000 link

By John Spicer

There are now so many Japanese companies and workers *in Milton Keynes that the* town is looking for the country's first Anglo-Japanese liaison officer.

The position, with a salary of £12,000, plus a car allowance, is being advertised in *The Times Educational Supplement* and in magazines in Japan.

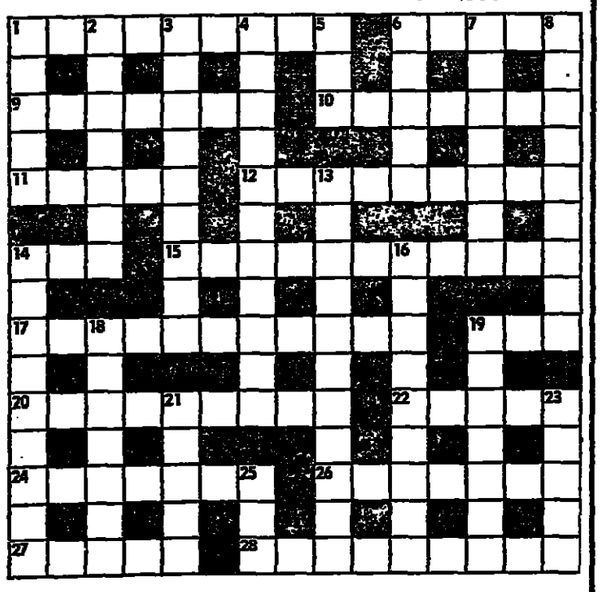
Applicants are expected to be fluent in both English and Japanese and be conversant *with both cultures.*

The town, in Buckinghamshire, already has a Japanese boarding school, which will *have 400 pupils next year*, and 20 Japanese companies have established themselves there.

The post is being created by the Milton Keynes Develop*ment Corporation with the* help of a £60,000 donation from the Great Britain Sasakawa Foundation, which was set up by a Japanese businessman.

● An honours degree in Japanese Studies is to be introduced at the University of Stirling.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17.506



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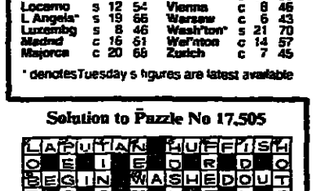
1 Attempt to catch every king in breach of faith (9).
6 Back splits in leather band (5).
9 Refined supporter in exceptionally neat clothing (7).
10 Money to end fuel crisis (7).
11 Fellow leaves poisonous plant for the admiral (5).
12 Plan to be outspoken about damage to pier (9).
14 Expression of distress – initially one disliked in America (3).
15 Description of 11 in article by Mrs Fitzwilliam Darcy? (11).
17 Home in 6 *ac* designed for Molière's Alceste (11).
19 Point seen at last (3).
20 So stubborn were Eumaeus's charges (9).
22 Leave to dine with former spouse (5).
24 In backing party, composer went too far (7).
26 As could part of wheel made to order? (7).
27 Penetrate log (5).
28 After complaint, take new course (9).

Concise crossword, page 10

DOWN

1 We spread out hay for drying around this river (5).
2 Posh-sounding essayist's most cherished possession (3,4).
3 Inconstant type takes tea with *myself and another man* (9).
4 His best deal, possibly, placed beyond dispute (11).
5 Keen desire to overthrow the marshal (3).
6 Incredible soak (5).
7 Angle some servicemen sit on, being disreputable (7).
8 College heavyweight, a student of such music? (9).
13 Girl can be discharged – it's *sure to happen* (11).
14 Waver, perhaps, using this means of communication (9).
16 Snack served in the team's quarters (9).
18 Division of federal investigators into 4 (7).
19 A word of egoism from the editor not all find inspiring (7).
21 This bird can be put up? Flushed that is (5).
23 Initially too feeble to jerk sharply (5).
25 Dress for fishing tonight, say (3).

Solution to Puzzle No 17,505



WEATHER

High pressure over the North Sea will drift slowly southeast. Britain will be generally dry although many areas will stay cloudy. Over eastern Scotland and some northern and eastern areas of England there will be patchy mist and fog at first but this will give way to a few brighter spells. Over south Wales and southern England there will be more brighter spells but it will be rather windy near south-western coasts. Northern Ireland and remaining areas of England and Scotland will be dry but rather cloudy. Outlook for tomorrow and Saturday: dry at first but some cloud and rain will reach south-western areas late tomorrow and spreading east during Saturday.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; t, thunder.

	C	F		C	F
Ajaccio	s 20	68	Malaga	r 18	64
Akrotiri	s 21	70	Malta	r 20	68
Alex'dria	f 22	72	Melb'rne	c 18	64
Algiers	s 26	79	Mexico C*	s 19	66
Amst'dm	s 10	50	Miami*	c 29	84
Athens	c 12	54	Milan	f 13	55
Barbados*	r 25	77	Montreal*	r 10	50
Barcelna	f 19	66	Moscow	c 2	36
Belgrade	c 9	48	Munich	r 5	41
Berlin	c 9	48	Nairobi	f 29	84
Bermuda*	c 23	73	Naples	c 15	59
Biarritz	s 17	63	N Delhi	s 28	82
Borde'x	s 18	64	N York*	c 17	63
Brussels	c 9	48	Nice	s 20	68
Budapst	s 10	50	Oslo	fg 1	34
Cairo	s 23	73	Paris	s 10	50
Cape Tn	s 19	66	Peking	s 9	48
C'blanca	c 20	68	Perth	s 24	75
Chicago*	s 23	73	Prague	c 7	45
Ch'church	f 23	73	Reykjvik	c 9	48
Cologne	f 9	48	Rhodes	r 19	66
C'phgn	c 7	45	Rio de J	s 25	77
Corfu	f 18	64	Riyadh	s 27	81
Dublin	c 12	54	Rome	s 18	64
Dubrovnik	s 13	55	Salzburg	c 7	45
Faro	f 19	66	S F'isco*	s 15	59
Florence	s 15	59	Santiago*	c 16	61
Frankfurt	s 9	48	S Paulo*	s 29	84
Funchal	s 22	72	Seoul	c 12	54
Geneva	c 10	50	Sing'por	r 27	81
Gibraltar	c 18	64	St'kholm	s 7	45
Helsinki	c 7	45	Strasb'rg	s 9	48
Hong K	c 24	75	Sydney	f 20	68
Innsbruck	s 11	52	Tangier	c 21	70
Istanbul	r 9	48	Tel aviv	s 23	73
Jeddah	s 33	91	Tenerife	c 22	72
Jo'burg*	th 27	81	Tokyo	r 15	59
Karachi	s 34	93	Toronto*	c 19	66
L Palmas	f 24	75	Valencia	r 16	61
Le Touet	f 10	50	Vanc'ver*	d 10	50
Lisbon	r 18	64	Venice	s 13	55
Locarno	s 12	54	Vienna	c 8	46
L Angels*	s 19	66	Warsaw	c 6	43
Luxembg	s 8	46	Wash'ton*	s 21	70
Madrid	c 16	61	Wel'ton	c 14	57
Majorca	c 20	68	Zurich	c 7	45

* denotes Tuesday's figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	0.5	-	10	50	cloudy
Bridlington	0.3	-	11	52	cloudy
Cromer	-	-	11	52	cloudy
Lowestoft	-	-	11	52	cloudy
Clacton	0.7	-	11	52	cloudy
Southend	*				
Margate	*	-	12	54	dull
Folkestone	1.3	-	11	52	cloudy
Hastings	4.1	-	12	54	sunny
Eastbourne	3.9	-	12	54	bright
Brighton	5.0	-	12	54	bright
Worthing	3.9	-	13	55	bright
Littlehmptn	4.2	-	13	55	sunny
Bognor R	2.0	-	13	55	bright
Southsea	3.7	-	12	54	bright
Sandown	1.2	-	12	54	cloudy
Shanklin	1.7	-	12	54	cloudy
Bournemth	3.2	-	12	54	sunny
Poole	2.9	-	13	55	bright
Swanage	1.4	-	12	54	cloudy
Weymouth	2.0	-	12	54	bright
Exmouth	1.9	-	11	52	bright
Teignmouth	-	-	12	54	cloudy
Torquay	0.1	-	12	54	dull
Falmouth	2.0	-	13	55	cloudy
Penzance	2.9	-	14	57	bright
Scilly Isles	5.2	-	13	55	sunny
Jersey	6.0	-	12	54	sunny
Guernsey	6.6	-	13	55	sunny
Newquay	4.2	-	13	55	bright
Ilfracombe	*	-	12	54	sunny
Minehead	3.1	-	13	55	sunny
B'pool Arpt	0.2	-	11	52	cloudy
Morecambe	0.5	-	11	52	dull
Douglas	*	-	10	50	cloudy
B'ham Airpt	-	-	10	50	cloudy
Bristol (Ctrl)	1.1	-	13	55	cloudy
Carlisle	7.7	-	13	55	sunny
London	-	-	13	55	cloudy
Manchester	-	-	10	50	cloudy
N'cstl-n-Tyne	1.4	-	11	52	bright
Nottingham	-	-	10	50	cloudy
Anglesey	8.1	-	13	55	sunny
Cardiff (Ctrl)	2.1	-	11	52	bright
Colwyn Bay	0.2	-	10	50	cloudy
Tenby	7.0	-	12	54	sunny
Aberdeen	2.8	-	10	50	cloudy
Aviemore	4.0	-	9	48	sunny
Edinburgh	3.9	-	12	54	sunny
Eskdalemuir	4.5	-	10	50	bright
Glasgow	-	-	10	50	cloudy
Kinloss			9	48	dull
Lerwick	-	.01	10	50	dull
Prestwick	0.8	-	12	54	cloudy
Stornoway	-	-	10	50	dull
Tiree		-	10	50	cloudy
Wick	-	-	10	50	cloudy
Belfast	0.4	-	11	52	cloudy

* Denotes figures not available

Buying The Times overseas
Austria Sch 29; Belgium B Frs 50; Canada $2.75; Canaries Pes 200; Cyprus 80 cents; Denmark Dkr 12.00; Finland Mrk 9.00; France F 9.00; W Germany DM 3.50; Gibraltar 70p; Greece Dr 200; Holland Gl 3.50; Irish Republic 40p; Italy L 2,700; Luxembourg Lf 45; Madeira Esc 200; Malta 35c; Morocco Dir 12.00; Norway Kr 10.00; Pakistan Rps 18; Portugal Esc 200; Singapore $5.50; Spain Pes 200; Sweden Skr 12.00; Switzerland S Frs 3.00; Tunisia Dm 1.00; USA $2.00; Yugoslavia Din 1,000.

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	1.12	7.3	1.24	7.2
Aberdeen	12.19	4.4	12.53	4.2
Avonmouth	6.38	13.2	6.57	13.4
Belfast	10.24	3.4	10.40	3.6
Cardiff	6.23	12.2	6.42	12.3
Devonport	5.15	5.6	5.31	5.7
Dover	10.21	6.8	10.47	6.6
Falmouth	4.45	5.4	5.01	5.5
Glasgow	——	—	12.12	4.6
Harwich	11.12	4.0	11.43	4.0
Holyhead	9.38	5.5	9.52	5.8
Hull	5.23	7.6	6.01	7.3
Ilfracombe	5.16	9.0	5.38	9.3
Leith	1.38	5.7	2.11	5.6
Liverpool	10.38	9.3	10.54	9.6
Lowestoft	8.29	2.6	9.18	2.4
Margate	11.16	4.8	11.58	4.8
Milford Haven	5.33	7.0	5.54	7.2
Newquay	4.24	7.0	4.45	7.2
Oban	5.07	3.9	5.24	4.1
Penzance	4.13	5.7	4.29	5.8
Portland	6.29	2.3	6.52	2.3
Portsmouth	10.50	4.8	11.07	4.7
Shoreham	10.31	6.3	10.50	6.2
Southampton	10.17	4.7	10.33	4.6
Swansea	5.42	9.6	6.01	9.8
Tees	2.49	5.6	3.21	5.5
W'ton-on-Nze	11.02	4.2	11.36	4.2

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.
Times are GMT

THE POUND

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.66	2.52
Austria Sch	21.85	20.75
Belgium Fr	64.95	61.75
Canada $	2.395	2.275
Denmark Kr	11.96	11.36
Finland Mrk	7.65	7.25
France Fr	10.50	10.00
Germany Dm	3.10	2.94
Greece Dr	248	230
Hong Kong $	14.04	13.34
Ireland Pt	1.166	1.106
Italy Lira	2280	2170
Japan Yen	249	237
Netherlands Gld	3.485	3.315
Norway Kr	11.76	11.11
Portugal Esc	262.25	237.25
South Africa Rd	4.30	3.50
Spain Pta	206.25	195.25
Sweden Kr	11.15	10.50
Switzerland Fr	2.54	2.42
USA $	1.823	1.733
Yugoslavia Dnr	2000	1600

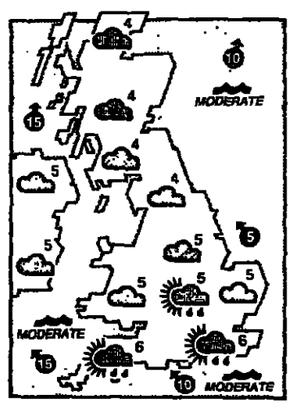
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Retail Price Index: 102.4 (September)

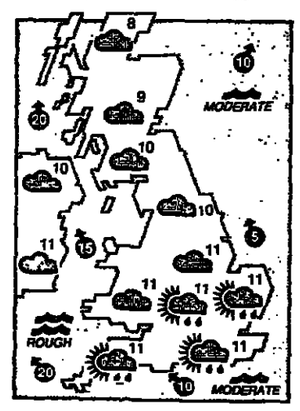
London: The *FT* index closed down 30.5 at 1265.6.

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PM



LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 13C (55F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 10C (50F) Humidity: 6 pm, 76 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, nil. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1036.6 millibars, steady.
1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 10C (50F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 5C (41F) Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun, 24 hr to 6 pm, nil.

LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 4.58 pm to 6.32 am
Bristol 5.07 pm to 6.41 am
Edinburgh 4.55 pm to 6.59 am
Manchester 5.00 pm to 6.47 am
Penzance 5.23 pm to 6.50 am

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

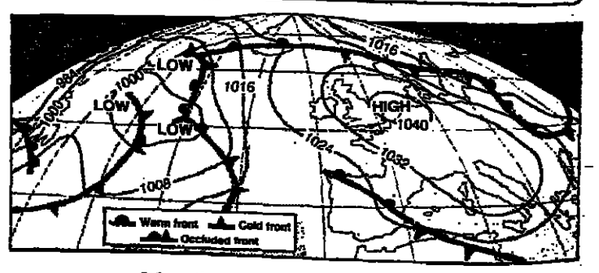
	C	F		C	F
Belfast	c	10	50	Guernsey	s	11	52
B'mgham	c	10	50	Inverness	c	9	48
Blackpool	c	10	50	Jersey	s	10	50
Bristol	c	12	54	London	c	12	54
Cardiff	c	11	52	M'nchester	c	10	50
Edinburgh	f	10	50	Newcastle	f	10	50
Glasgow	c	10	50	R'nldsway	s	11	52

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Tuesday: Highest day temp: Guernsey, 15C (59F); lowest day max: Eskdalemuir, Dumfries, 8C (46F); highest rainfall Cape Wrath, Highland, 0.16 in, highest sunshine, Guernsey and Newquay, Cornwall, both 8.3 hr

Sun rises: 7.00 am
Sun sets: 4.29 pm
Moon sets 6.48 am
Moon rises 3.58 pm
Full Moon 4.46 pm

NOON TODAY



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THE TIMES

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 5 1987

Executive Editor
Kenneth Fleet

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1255.6 (–30.5)

FT-SE 100
1608.1 (–45.8)

Bargains
40885 (36788)

USM (Datastream)
143.29 (–10.64)

THE POUND

US dollar
1.7505 (+0.0095)

W German mark
2.9951 (+0.0067)

Trade-weighted
75.0 (+0.1)

Base rates cut by half point

Surprise move helps to stem share losses

By David Smith and Michael Clark

The Bank of England yesterday responded to renewed weakness in the equity market by leading the clearing banks into a half-point cut in base rates.

Following the Bank's signal, which was delayed until the afternoon, the banks cut their base rates from 9.5 to 9 per cent. The Halifax Building Society later cut its mortgage rate from 11.25 to 10.3 per cent.

Share prices in London suffered sharp falls in early trading but closed above their worst levels of the day, encouraged by the base rates cut and a rally on Wall Street.

Even so, almost £12 billion, or 3.3 per cent, was again wiped from the value of publicly quoted companies, raising the total loss since "Black Monday" on October 19, to £146.6 billion.

Treasury officials said that the reduction in base rates was made because of the fall in share prices and the strength of sterling, which together represented a tightening of monetary policy.

The interest rate cut was for domestic reasons and not part of an internationally co-ordinated move to lower rates, they added.

There is little doubt that the timing of the cut was mainly due to the sharp fall in the equity market yesterday.

Mr Gavyn Davies, economist at Goldman Sachs, said: "The Government is becoming increasingly concerned about the equity market and liquidity problems in financial markets."

The Bank announced at just after 2pm that it would provide borrowing facilities for the money markets at a rate of

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9 per cent at 2.30. Normally, it would signal such a move at noon.

This points to the fact that the Chancellor instructed the Bank to cut rates only when it became clear that the equity market was not responding positively to Tuesday's Autumn Statement.

The Chancellor had appeared to rule out an early base rate cut when interviewed on BBC Radio yesterday morning.

"I shall watch the situation very carefully and when it is right to reduce interest rates I will do so," he said. "It is unwise to be impatient."

Coming after these comments, the base rate reduction was a surprise and helped the FT-SE 100 to recover to above the psychologically important 1600 level, finishing 45.8 lower at 1,608.1 having been 87.8 down at one stage.

The narrower FT index of top 30 shares more than halved an earlier fall of 65.7 points to end a net 30.5 down at 1,255.6 – its lowest level since October 28 last year – the day after Big Bang.

Dealers blamed the dollar's continued weakness for the latest slide, but described selling pressure as light. Later in the day some good two-way trade developed

The cut in base rates trimmed sterling's rise.

The base rate move was welcomed by Mr John Banham, director general of the Confederation of British Industry.

Peter Trievnor



Tunnel signatories: (from left) Tom Frost of NatWest; Alastair Morton of Eurotunnel, and the Midland's Kit McMahon

£5 billion loans for Eurotunnel

By Joe Joseph

Eurotunnel is offering free cross-Channel trips to tempt investors to take part in its forthcoming £750 million share sale in spite of the slump in world stock markets, which is threatening to derail the consortium's plans to proceed quickly with building a tunnel under the English Channel.

In twin ceremonies in London and Paris yesterday, Eurotunnel signed a £5 billion, 18-year loan agreement with a consortium of 198 international banks to cover construction of the rail tunnel. But the money, almost a quarter of which has come from Japanese banks, will only be released if the equity sale is a success.

There has been speculation that the gloomy stock market climate may not be hospitable for Eurotunnel's float.

But Mr Alastair Morton, Eurotunnel's British co-chairman, remains confident and is hoping the travel perks will help to lubricate the sale.

Investors who buy at least 100 shares can take their cars through the tunnel for £1 and will be entitled to one free return trip in the tunnel's first year of operation in 1993, providing they pay an annual £10 fee.

Those who buy more than 500 shares will have one free return trip each year for the first 10 years of operation of the tunnel. Purchasing 1,000 shares will bring two free trips a year for the duration of Eurotunnel's operating concession, which runs until 2042, and 1,500 Eurotunnel shares will give the buyer unlimited travel.

These offers will be available only to those who take part in the initial share issue and who hold on to their stock until the tunnel is opened.

There will also be warrants attached to the shares under which shareholders will be able to buy one attractively-priced share in the two-year period ending in 1992 for every 10 they hold.

The price of the shares will not be disclosed until the full prospectus is published on November 16. But it is believed the shares are likely to be priced at about £3.40 to £3.50 each. This is the price suggested by the terms of last year's share placing, when an initial £250 million of equity was raised from institutions.

M Andre Benard, Eurotunnel's French co-chairman said that the gross dividend on the issue price of the shares was estimated at 16 per cent in 1994, rising to 34 per cent in 1998, 60 per cent in 2003 and 155 per cent in 2013.

The shares, which will be traded simultaneously in London and Paris from mid-December, must be paid for in full on application.

Changes for HK exchange

Hong Kong's stock exchange is likely to change its constitution to allow foreign brokers to be represented on its governing committee, Mr Robert Fell, the newly appointed senior chief executive, said.

Foreign brokers have complained that, although they account for a large share of market turnover, they are not represented on the committee, which has 21 members, all of them local Chinese brokers.

Mr Fell said: "But I am sure things will change. Nothing ever stands still. We have moved from four local, Cantonese-speaking exchanges into an exchange more open than anywhere in the world."

Smallbone up

Pretax profits from Smallbone, the kitchen, bedroom and bathroom specialists, more than doubled in the six months to end-August from £387,000 to £816,000. Turnover rose 93 per cent to £12.2 million. An interim dividend of 3p was declared.

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Sketchley flop

Dry cleaning group Sketchley's one-for-four rights issue at 400p flopped yesterday when 69.6 per cent of the shares were left with the underwriters. Sketchley's interim pretax profits were up 2 per cent at £5.7 million.

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Dollar drops further

By Rodney Lord, Economics Editor

The dollar fell further yesterday in heavy trading on continued nervousness about the failure of President Reagan and Congress to agree a reduction in the US budget deficit. Central banks, particularly the Bank of Japan, again intervened to try to prop up the US currency.

The Japanese finance minister, Mr Kiichi Miyazawa, increased uncertainty by admitting that there were differences among the Group of Seven countries over the Louvre accord. But he said the differences were slight and that the spirit of the agreement remained intact.

Politicians continued to "intervene by rhetoric" with Mr Robert Ortner, the US Commerce Under-Secretary, saying that inflation would be contained below 4 per cent and that the dollar had fallen far enough. The West German finance minister, Mr Gerhard Stoltenberg, said it was clear that the US administration did not want a further fall

In London, the dollar closed 55 points below its previous close at DM1.7165 after touching DM1.7025 earlier. It was 20 points lower against the yen at Y137.20.

The half-point cut in British base rates had been largely discounted in the foreign exchange market and the effective exchange rate index of the pound closed 0.1 up at 75.

Sterling ended 95 points up at $1.7505 against the dollar.

Culture shock for Official Receiver

By Colin Narbrough

The Official Receiver yesterday appealed to angry investors caught up in a failed pyramid-selling scheme to stop sending stinking, yoghurt-like substances to its London headquarters.

The plea went out after 30 sacks containing thousands of smelly letters with the biological "cultures", used to produce home-made cosmetics, had piled up at Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct.

The Post Office, like the OR's staff, has refused to handle any more of the odious mail, which started arriving after the Department of Trade and Industry last week requested the winding up of companies involved – Circlerose Ltd, Halestores Ltd and Venida Cosmetics (UK) Ltd.

The London-based companies, whose businesses are registered respectively in Edgware, Finchley and Holborn, leave combined debts of more than £1 million.

Mr Dennis Dolman, was appointed provisional liquidator pending a hearing of the DTI petitions in the High Court on December 9. The petitions were made under the Companies Act which allows a company to be wound up on "public interest" grounds.

Since April, the firms had promoted sales of "activators" to investors who acted as "growers" of cultures using a milk base. The finished product, described by a DTI official as a "sort of yoghurt", was sold to customers

The DTI tried to avert a flood of the decaying product. "Growers are asked not to send in cultures to the Official Receiver," it said in an official announcement. Unfortunately, the announcement had to give the Official Receiver's address.

Mr Dolman said yesterday: "I am at my wits' end. I appeal to investors not to send any more to my offices."

Reed leaps 37% to £110 million

By Alexandra Jackson

Reed International reported record results for the six months ending on October 4, showing pretax profits up 37 per cent at £110 million, more than ten per cent above highest estimates by market analysts.

But Mr Peter Davis, the Reed chief executive said: "It is very disappointing to be publishing good results on a day when the market is falling." Reed shares fell 27p to 341p.

An interim dividend of 3.5p was declared compared with 2.25p last year.

The strongest performance was produced by the publishing division which accounts for 58 per cent of trading profits from continuing businesses.

Octopus publishing, acquired in July, contributed £4.2 million to trading profits. Consumer publishing, up from 9.8 million to £15.1 million, included several million pounds of profits from the sale of the comics business, IPC Youth Group, to Maxwell Communications Corporation for £6.8 million.

Packaging profits were marginally ahead at £13.5 million compared with £13.2 million last time. European paper was slightly down at £10.5 million against £10.7 million in the corresponding period of last year, but taking into account the turnaround from loss in the waste paper business, included in results from Reed Trading, overall profits from this activity were ahead.

North American paper profits doubled to £18.8 million helped by the new Quebec newsprint facility which boosted output by about one third.

A restructuring of the British and European publishing and packaging operations is under way. This will lead to a reporting structure based on the activities undertaken rather than region

Mr Davis said he felt the group was well spread between the United States and Europe and between advertising-driven publishing and nonadvertising-orientated products.

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BP details expected from Bank

By David Young
Energy Correspondent

The arrangements under which the Bank of England will buy back BP partly-paid shares for a guaranteed 70p – last night they were near 77p – will be finalized by Saturday.

The scheme is likely to be announced to the Stock Exchange when it opens on Monday and holders of the shares, which cost 120p under the government sale of its 31.5 per cent holding, will also be told how long the safety net will be in existence.

The scheme – which Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, last week said would be in place for at least one month and probably two – is designed to offer the underwriters who were left holding large tranches of BP shares a floor price for the equity. It was introduced after pressure from overseas underwriters who stood to lose up to £500 million

Last night, BP fully-paid shares, 351p when the Government set the 330p discount price, was 346p.

Statement: City not impressed

By David Smith
Economics Correspondent

Market-makers and salesmen attending their morning meetings yesterday received a generally gloomy assessment of the Chancellor's Autumn Statement.

The consensus was that all the good news contained in the statement was already discounted in the market, and the only surprises were unwelcome ones.

As a result, equities were marked down and the small rise in gilts was put down to the weak equities rather than the Chancellor's low estimate of public sector borrowing.

"The gloomier than expected official predictions for inflation and the balance of payments highlight the two black spots of the economy," said Warburg Securities.

Goldman Sachs said that the official projections for world trade growth in the Treasury's forecast were almost certainly too high, and "Britain may be rather more vulnerable to the downdraught of lower shares and lower US activity than the Treasury forecasts admit."

Greenwell-Montagu said the Chancellor's assessment of economic prospects assumed there was no more turmoil in financial markets.

Reagan urged to join deficit talks

From Bailey Morris, Washington

President Reagan was criticized sharply yesterday by Republican party leaders who exhorted him to involve himself directly in the deficit-reduction talks with Congress to avoid a potentially disastrous failure.

Senator John Heinz, a Republican from Pennsylvania, said: "No one is picking up the mess. The deficit is unattended to. We must do something before we have another market crash."

He said Wall Street had sent another warning message on Tuesday when shares dropped in hectic trading.

Senator Robert Dole, the Republican minority leader, urged the President to join the talks in a Senate speech in which he said that the negotiations must not be allowed to drag on another week.

"I would hope that we can have some agreement before Friday. I would hope that the President might call the group together or call the leaders together so that he can indicate to us and we can indicate to him a willingness to do what we need to do."

There was pressure from all sides on Mr Reagan to take control of the summit with Congress which has moved into a critical period very close to collapse. Mr James Wright,



Dole: call for quick action

Speaker of the House, told a news conference: "Time is running out."

Under terms of the agreement with Congress, the negotiations will not move to the White House until the President becomes directly involved.

Senator Dole said that without quick action on the deficit there would be a feeling on Wall Street and around the world that the US was not going to come to grips with a very serious problem.

Democratic leaders said they intended to move ahead with their own deficit-reduction proposals with or without the President's cooperation.

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SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York	
Dow Jones	1947.28 (–16.25)*
Tokyo	
Nikkei Average	23060.53 (–298.07)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	2077.11 (–103.63)
Amsterdam: Gen	213.2 (–8.3)
Sydney: AO	1365.3 (–75.3)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1427.9 (–57.4)
Brussels:	
General	3844.6 (–102.7)
Paris: CAC	300.9 (–10.0)
Zurich: SKA Gen	458.80 (–45.9)
London:	
FT-A All-Share	813.83 (–30.31)
FT-"500"	897.63 (–32.66)
FT. Gold Mines	279.2 (–26.4)
FT. Fixed interest	93.90 (–0.17)
FT. Govt Secs	90.51 (+0.37)

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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:

Rothmans	351p (+3p)

FALLS:

ICI	986p (–18p)
Glaxo	1031p (–41p)
Blue Circle	310p (–33p)
Grand Met.	353p (–24p)
Tate & Lyle	561p (–38p)
Thorn EMI	441p (–24p)
Cookson	403p (–75p)
Vibroplant	555p (–70p)
T Robinson	303p (–76p)
Tomkinsons	370p (–60p)
Coloroll Group	187p (–31p)
T Cowie	87p (–28p)
Ladbroke	300p (–35p)
Reed Intnl.	340p (–29p)
Ratners	213p (–36p)
Storehouse	220p (–26p)
Woolworth	279p (–15p)
AB Ports	368p (–67p)
Rosehaugh	425p (–90p)

Prices are as at 4pm

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 9%
3-month interbank 9 15/16–8 15/16%
3-month eligible bills: 9 15/16–8 15/16% buying rate
US: Prime Rate 9%
Federal Funds 6⅛%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.55-5.53%*
30-year bonds 99¼-99 5/16*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.7505	£: $1.7480*
$: DM2.9951	$: DM1.7105*
$: SwFr2.4717	$: SwFr1.4105*
$: FFr10.1879	$: FFr5.8215*
$: Yen240.17	$: Yen137.15*
$: Index:75.0	$: Index:97.8
ECU £0.689872	SDR £0.770988

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $467.00 pm-$466.15
Close $466.00-466.50 (£266.75-267.25)
New York:
Comex $466.20-466.70*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Dec.) pm $18.15bbl ($18.50)
* Denotes latest trading price

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Shipyard agency places half of its redundant workers

From rivets to music and milk

By Edward Townsend
Industrial Correspondent

Almost half of the 3,500 shipyard workers made redundant by British Shipbuilders in Scotland and the north east last year have been helped to find new jobs under a £6 million scheme administered by the state-owned group.

British Shipbuilders Enterprise (BSEL), set up specifically to ameliorate the impact of the job losses, which covered six shipyards – with the closure of Smith's Dock in Middlesborough resulting in 2,386 redundancies – yesterday said it hoped to have assisted in finding at least 2,000 jobs by the end of this year.

The company, due to be disbanded in December after only 18 months in existence, is the newest of the job seeking agencies set up in Britain's traditional industries to lessen the impact on communities hit by plant closures. The steel and coal corporations were the first and have had, according to their critics, a mixed success.

Mr Richard Wormwell, aged 44, the chairman of BSEL, said the company had achieved "a gratifying measure of success which in certain respects has been greater than could have been hoped for at the outset."

Of the 3,458 workers made redundant in the spring of 1986, more than 1,000 have been approved for retraining, 1,401 have been helped to find a new job and 83 have started up their own businesses.

Among BSELs successes has been the case of the shipyard worker who bought his own milk round, two others who set up a chiropody business, a former sheet iron worker who has become a transport instructor and an ex-shipwright now training to be a professional musician at the Louisville School of Music in Kentucky.

BSEL can authorize grants and loans up to £10,000 for those setting up their own businesses, the largest being a £20,000 loan and £5,250 in grants given to seven former shipyard workers who have set up their own design and consulting company in Wallsend, Tyne and Wear.

BSEL, funded by £5 million of direct government money and £1 million from the Manpower Services Commission, has now commissioned an outside agency to monitor people in new jobs or the newly self-employed and to report on their findings next summer.

Unlike the unemployment situation in pit villages or steel towns, where the entire community is hit by redundancies and part of the task of the job-finding companies set up by the nationalized corporations has been to stimulate the longer-term employment prospects, BSEL has concentrated on the immediate problems facing out-of-work and sometimes younger shipyard workers.

"Someone made redundant is much more employable within the first 3-6 months," said Mr Wormwell. "A man aged 35 will have have had nearly 20 years of getting up in the morning and the work ethic and initially will not lose these overall working practices."

BSEL claims that its success rate in retraining has been high. By the end of September, 1,021 courses had been approved of which 665 had been completed.

Of the 319 people who wanted to start their own businesses, 26 per cent actually set up on their own and a further 38 per cent are developing business plans.

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WALL STREET

Dow falls as blue chip recovery fails

New York (Reuter) — Wall Street share prices fell sharply in a broad range early yesterday after the collapse of a brief recovery in the blue *chips.*

Analysts said sharp losses in Hong Kong, Tokyo and London weighed on New York stocks. Other problems were a weak dollar and lack of *action* to reduce the US budget deficit.

The Dow Jones industrial average of 30 shares was down *31.67 to 1931.86 at one stage* when the transport indicator fell 10.01 to 760.54 and the utilities averaged was 1.18 lower at 183.74.

About 1,000 issues were lower with fewer than 400 higher. Trading was active.

Among the falling blue chips, General Electric was down 1¼ to 44¼, IBM down 1⅛ to 120¾ and Eastman *Kodak down* 2 to 52⅛.

● Oil futures prices opened lower on the New York Mercantile Exchange yesterday when bearish figures on stocks *took the support out of an* already weak market. Volume was moderate.

West Texas Intermediate for December delivery was at *one stage* being quoted at $19.24 a barrel, down 25 cents on Tuesday. January WTI was quoted at $19.12, down 22 cents.

Traders said yesterday's market was reacting to weekly figures on stocks from the American Petroleum Institute, released after the close of *trading on Tuesday. The re*port said crude oil stocks were up 11.123 million barrels on the week ending October 30.

Crude prices had reportedly been softening because US energy demand projections were being regarded as a factor in the possibility of a recession in light of the stock market debacle.

The prices also weakened on reports that the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries would seek to raise production, introducing the prospect of additional supplies in the market.

	Nov 3	Nov 2
AMR Cp	36	36¾
ASA	48¼	48¼
Aetna Life	50⅛	51⅛
Allied Signal	34¼	35⅞
Allis Chlm	1⅞	1⅞
Alcoa	42	43⅜
Amax Inc	15⅝	17
AMR Hess	26¾	28
Am Brands	42⅝	43⅜
Am Cyanmd	38	40⅜
Am Elc Pwr	27	27¼
Amerex	25⅞	25⅞
Am Home	70¾	71
Am Int Grp	68⅞	69⅛
Am Stand	34⅞	36⅝
Am Telph	29¾	30
Amoco Cp	70¾	72⅛
Armco Steel	9⅝	10⅜
Asarco Inc	20¾	20
Ashland Oil	50⅞	51⅛
Atl Richfld	78¾	80
Avon Prod	24⅞	25
Bk Boston	21	23¼
Bank NY	32⅛	33⅜
Bankamer	9⅛	8⅝
Bkrs Tst NY	32¼	32¾
Baxter	22½	23¼
Beth Steel	12¾	13
Boeing	37½	38⅛
Borse Casc	58¼	58⅝
Borden	45	45⅛
Bristol Meyr	41⅜	43½
BP	51¼	53⅜
Brunswick	17¼	18⅞
Burl Ind	n.a	n.a
Burl Nth	60⅜	63½
CBS	165⅛	167
Cms Engy	14⅜	15
CPC Int	38	40
CSX Cp	27¼	27¼
Cmpbell Sp	54⅛	54
Cam Pacific	16⅝	17½
Caterpillar	51	50⅞
Centrl SW	31½	32¼
Champion	29⅝	30
Chase Man	28⅝	27⅝
Chem NY	27½	28¼
Chevron	42⅝	44½
Chrysler	25½	26¼
Citicorp	40⅝	41¼
Clark Eq	21	20
Coca Cola	40¾	41⅞
Colgate	41⅜	42
Columb Gas	44	45½
Cmb'tn Eng	29⅝	29⅞
Cmwlth Ed	28¼	28⅝
Cons Edis	43½	43¼
Consol Ng	35¾	36½
Cont Data	25	26¼
Corning Gl	46¾	47
Crane	22⅝	23¼
Curtiss Wrt	48¾	49
Data Genl	21¼	22¾
Deere Co	27⅝	28⅝
Delta Airl	38¾	38½
Detroit Edi	14½	14¼
Digital Eq	134¾	139
Disney	53	57⅛
Dow Chem	73	74⅜
Dresser Ind	23⅛	23½
Dupont	91½	93¼
Duke Pwr	47⅞	48⅜
East Kodak	54⅛	56¾
Eaton Cp	68½	70¾
Emerson El	30½	30½
Emery Air	5	5⅛
Exxon	43½	43⅝
Farah Inc	8½	8⅝
Fedders	6⅛	6⅜
Firestone	31⅞	30⅞
Fst Chicago	23	23
Fst Int Bncp	43¼	42½
Fst Penn C	8⅛	8⅜
FT Wachvia	34⅝	34⅝
Ford Motor	78¼	76¾
GAF Cp	43½	44¾
GTE Cp	37¼	37⅞
Gen Cp	69	70½
Gn Dynam	50⅝	51
Gen Electric	45⅜	47⅜
Gen Inst	28⅝	29⅜
Gen Mills	47⅛	48⅜
Gen Motors	58¾	58⅝
Gen Pub Ut	24⅜	24½
Genesco	3⅜	3⅜
Georgia Pac	33	35½
Gillette	29⅝	30⅝
Goodrich	33	34⅜
Goodyear	44½	47
Gould Inc	13½	13½
Grace Co	45	45⅜
Grt Atl Pac	35¼	36
Greyhnd	24¾	25¼
Gruman	21½	21¾
Gulf & West	69½	69½
Heinz	41¼	43⅛
Hercules	46⅝	48⅜
Hewlett Pk	49¾	50⅜
Honeywell	60½	62¼
IC Ind	29⅞	30⅛
ITT Cp	50⅜	52½
INCO	15⅛	16⅜
Ing Rand Wi	29½	29⅞
Inland Steel	24	22
IBM	121⅛	124½
Int Paper	36⅞	37¾
Irving Bk	48¾	50
Jhsn & Jhsn	77¾	79¾
K Mart	27	26¾
Kaisertech	9¾	9¼
Kerr McGee	32¾	32
Kimbrly Clrk	51⅜	51⅝
Kraft	46	47¼
Kroger	26¾	27⅞
LTV Cp	3	3⅛
Litton	81¼	81½
Lockheed	42¾	39⅞
Lucky Str	23¾	23⅜
Man H'nver	29½	30⅝
Manville	2¾	2¾
Mapco	41⅝	42⅝
Marine Mid	77	76
Mt Mamsta	44	40
Masco	23	24¼
Mcdonalds	43	45
McDonnell	52¼	62⅝
Mead Cp	29½	32½
Merck	175½	180½
Mmsta Mng	61¼	60½
Mobil	39½	41⅜
Monsanto	67¾	70⅛
Morgan Jp	36½	38
Motorola	43¼	45¼
NCR	62⅝	63¼
NL Indstrs	6	6⅜
Nat Distil	61¼	64¼
Nat Md Ent	18¾	19¾
Nat Semi	12¾	12⅝
Norfolk Sth	23¾	24¼
NW Bancrp	35¾	36
Occid Petl	26¾	26⅝
Ogden Cp	26¼	27¾
Olin Cp	40	40¾
PPG Ind	34	33¾
Pac Gas El	18	18
Pan Am	3¼	3⅜
Penney JC	44	45¼
Pennzoil	65½	54⅝
Pepsico	32¾	34¼
Pfizer	54¾	54½
Phelps Dod	33¾	35
Philip Mor	91	93
Philip Pet	11	12
Polaroid	23	23¾
Primerica	27¾	28⅝
Proct Gble	85	86⅝
Pub S E G	24	24
Raytheon	69½	69¼
Rynlds Metl	40¾	40¾
Rockwell Int	20¾	19¾
Royal Dutch	108¾	110⅝
SFE Sopac	55½	55
Sara Lee	38⅛	39¾
Schlumb	34¾	36⅛
Scott Pap	62¾	66¼
Seagram	57	59⅝
Sears Roeb	36¾	38¾
Shell Trans	70½	72¾
Singer	47½	47¼
Smith Beck	51¾	51¾
Sony Cp	27¼	28⅛
Sth Cal Edi	32⅛	32¾
SW Bell	38⅛	39¼
Squibb	78	78¾
Sterl Drug	52¾	54⅛
Stevens JP	28¾	28⅝
Sun Comp	54	54⅝
TRW Inc	48	48¾
Teledyne	279⅜	286
Tenneco	42¼	43¾
Texaco	31	34¼
Tex Eastn	25¾	26¾
Texas Inst	48	49½
Tex Utl	28½	29
Textron	23	22⅝
Travelers	36⅜	36¼
USG	35⅝	35¾
USX Cp	26⅝	27¾
Unilever Plc	33	34⅜
Un Carbide	21⅝	22
Un Pac Cp	54½	56¾
Unisys Cp	31½	33⅜
Utd Brands	37¼	38
Utd Tech	35¾	36¼
Unocal	30	31¾
Walter Jim	59⅝	59¾
Warn Lamb	64¾	67¾
Wells Far	43¾	43⅞
Westg El	47¾	47¾
Weyerhsr	36	38
Whirlpool	24¼	24¼
Woolworth	33	34
Xerox Cp	56¾	57¾
Zenith	13½	13⅜

CANADIAN PRICES

Agnco Eag	24¾	24¾
Alcan Alum	32	34¼
Algoma Stl	15¼	15¼
Can Pacific	22	23
Cominco	13½	14¼
Con Bathrst	15⅜	15¾
Hawk S Can	20	19½
Hud Bay M	19	19
Imasco	27¾	27¾
Imperial Oil	61¼	63¼
Int Pipe	41¾	41¾
Royl Trstco	14¾	14
Seagram	76	78¼
Shelco 'A'	19	36¼
Thmsn N 'A'	25½	26
Varity Cp	2¾	3
WCT	14⅜	14½
Weston	31¼	32½

STOCK MARKET

Shares continue free-fall on world-wide declines

By Michael Clark and Geoffrey Foster

A mood of gloom and despondency shrouded the City for long periods again yesterday as share prices continued their free-fall in the wake of further steep declines overnight on other world bourses.

Dealers marked prices sharply lower at the outset in an effort to deter sellers, but then found themselves answering the telephone to sellers only, almost at once.

Reports that a leading broker had forecast that the FT-SE 100 index had a further 150 points to fall, before a rally could be mounted, exacerbated the dull trend. Operators continued to be worried by the dollar's slide stemming from the US Administration's inaction over the budget deficit.

Suggestions that a leading market-maker was experiencing liquidity problems as a result of the market's crash also undermined confidence.

Wall Street's opening fall of 30-odd points yesterday seemed to add to the nervousness, before its later recovery and a round of base rate reductions by the clearing banks — led by Barclays — prompted a useful technical rally as market-makers swiftly adjusted quotations higher to try and catch the bears out before they could close their positions.

The FT-SE 100 index dropped to *1,565.4* at one stage, before closing 45.8 points down at 1,608.1, its lowest level since November 19, 1986. The FT 30 share index ended 30.5 points lower at 1,255.6.

All sectors contributed to the malaise, but leading exporters were again the worst-hit in sympathy with the depreciating dollar.

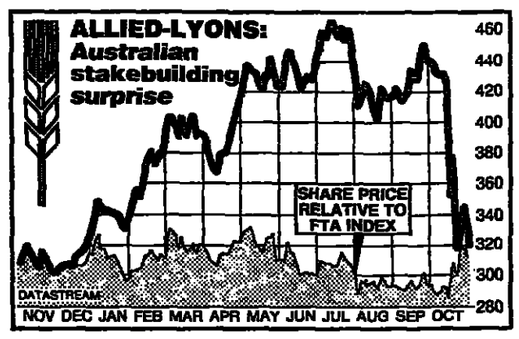
ICI gave up 18p to 986p, Glaxo dropped 41p to £10.31p, Grand Metropolitan gave up 24p to 353p and Cookson plummeted 75p to 430p.

Another sizeable business was transacted in BP new shares which eased to 74p on renewed selling initially before rallying to close 1p dearer at 77p. BP old shares ended 3p cheaper at 246p, after 242p.

Gilt-edged stocks welcomed the move towards cheaper money and benefited from investors switching out of equities to close with gains ranging to £⅝.

Clearing banks staged a late rally as Barclays led a round of base rate cuts.

Barclays shares ended the session 13p lower at 425p, while Lloyds were 7p lower at 228p and NatWest 8p cheaper at 530p, after 520p.



Midland dropped to 305p at *one stage* before recovering strongly to finish 2p dearer at 330p, a far cry from the 567p-level attained a couple of months ago when takeover *speculation on the* beleaguered bank was rife.

This followed the purchase of a 6.2 per cent stake in the group by Hanson Trust, the *acquisitive industrial holding* company and a bid approach from Saatchi & Saatchi, the business services group. The speculators pulled out after dealers expected a strong defence document from Sir Terence *Conran against* the audacious all-paper offer from Benlox.

The Association of British Insurers' estimate that last month's storm and floods will cost insurance companies about £500 million brought further selling pressure on composites.

San Alliance, *the most* heavily composite exposed to the British household market, touched 800p before closing 22p down at 813p.

Analysts at Wood Mackenzie, the broker, have been running their magnifying glasses over Allied-Lyons and come up with some interesting clues about *who has been* behind the recent turnover in the shares. Wood Mackenzie has discovered that the Australian entrepreneur, Mr *Alan Bond, has built up a* stake of 20.65 million shares, or 2.8 per cent, under nominee names as at the start of last account.

About 60 *million Allied* shares were traded in the past fortnight and the chances are that Bond Corporation may have been busy adding to its holding. But Wood Mackenzie reckons bid speculation at this stage may be a bit premature. With the Australian stock market losing another 5½ per cent overnight, the Bond share price was also coming under renewed pressure.

However, this is unlikely to be of much comfort to the Allied board which only last year was the subject of an unwanted takeover bid from another Australian group, Mr John Elliott's Elders IXL.

But with the slide going on in the rest of the market there were few investors around willing to bet on the eventual outcome. As a result, the *Allied-Lyons share price fin*ished 8p lower at 319p as almost six million shares changed hands.

● Contrary to a report in this column yesterday Cornhill Insurance wishes to point out that that it did not carry out a £100 million "sell" programme through James Capel or any other organization.

● Reuters recovered an early fall to finish just 1p lighter at 479p following a seminar with Scottish fund managers in Edinburgh on Monday. The group was keen to soothe institutional fears about currency fluctuations. It hedges and buys 90 per cent of its revenue a year ahead.

Mr Robin Leigh-Pemberton, the Governor of the Bank of England, announced that he did not think banks at "the core of our financial system" should be controlled by industrial or commercial companies or by foreign institutions.

Standard Chartered fell 27p

● International City Holdings, the money broker, held steady at 17Sp despite the carnage elsewhere. Word is that the company is benefiting greatly from investors liquidating their equity portfolios, while dealers are quick to point out that an historic yield of 7 per cent is attractive.

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ALPHA STOCKS

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
Abbey	1,532	CU	4,060	Laporte	77	Royal Bank	1,226
Alld-Lyons	5,749	Cons Gold	1,020	L&G	1,722	Royal Ins	1,565
Amstrad	3,966	Cookson	862	Lloyds	2,650	Saatchi	1,002
ASDA	6,725	Courtaulds	3,234	Lonrho	1,752	Sainsbury	2,345
AB Foods	415	Daigety	749	Lucas	787	Scot & N	1,430
Argyll	3,813	Dee	4,263	Magnet	1,074	Sears	3,754
BAA	1,960	Dixons	5,471	M&S	7,9321	Sedgwick	1,992
BET	2,186	ECC	586	Marwl Com	1,588		
BTR	*5,291*	Enterprise	701	MEPC	1,431	Shell	4,389
BAT	4,687	Ferranti	7,745	Metal Box	521	Smith & N	2,931
Barclays	2,472	Fisons	2,076			STC	1,538
Bass	1,206	Gen Acc	926	Midland	1,466	Stan Chart	396
Beecham	5,522			NatWest	2,060		
Beazer	923	GEC	7,482	Next	3,780	Storehse	5,052
BICC	1,279	Glaxo	4,067	Nth Food	620	Sun Alince	1,135
Blue Arrow	3,653	Globe	2,019	P&O	620	T & N	280
Blue Circle	2,920	Granada	786	Pearl	275	*Tarmac*	*1,457*
BOC	2,243	Grand Met	3,673	Pearson	194	Tate & Lyle	178
Boots	*3,492*	GUS 'A'	478	Pilkington	6,375	TSB	4,809
BPB	1,054			Plessey	9,064	Tesco	5,282
Br Aero	5,578	GRE	1,066	Prudential	474	Thorn EMI	2,927
Br Airways	6,677	GKN	625	Racal	7,561	Trafalgar	3,633
Br Comm	2,049	Guinness	2,831	Rk Hovis	906	THF	4,330
Br Gas	27,176	Hamm 'A'	309			Ultramar	1,019
Br Petrol	29,649	Hanson	8,724	Rank	1,862	Unigate	739
Br Telecm	10,607	Hawker	2,484	R&C	1,079	Unilever	2,365
Bntcel	3,333	Hawley	2,516	Redland	1,939	United Bis	1,099
Bunzl	880	Hillsdown	2,447	Reed	3,622		
Burmah	*769*	IMI	383	Reuters	1,854	Utd News	686
Burton	5,574	*ICI*	2,686	RMC Gp	615	Wellcome	1,065
C&W	6,739	Jaguar	3,988	RTZ	3,022	Whitbrd	3,834
Cadbury	7,036	Lasmo	296	R-Royce	5,336	Willis Fab	3,974
Coats	1,899	Ladbroke	1,466	Rothmn 'B'	3,172	Woolworth	2,823
		Land Sec	2,584	Rowntree	648	Equities page 33	

TEMPUS

Reed's hungry and lean look

Reed International's results had a lean and hungry look which was rather lost on yesterday's market. They revealed figures at least 10 per cent better than expectations and confirmed the strength of the balance sheet.

But at least Reed can console itself with the thought of plenty of com*panies there* for the picking at somewhat lower prices than of late.

Domestic publishing trading profits were nearly 60 per cent ahead. Most was *organic* growth as cost cutting measures had an effect.

US publishing figures suffered on translation, but acquisitions accounted for the 50 per cent trading profits *increase to £14.6 million.*

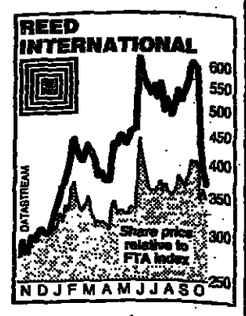
Impressive progress was *made in consumer* publishing with profits 54 per cent ahead at £15.1 million.

Octopus contributed for two months and is being *successfully integrated. In a* full year it should make £30 million although its 30 per cent exposure to US and Australian markets may *dampen prospects.*

All publishing activities should *hold their own in a* downturn. But it is harder to feel so confident about the packaging and paper, although these industries are *less cyclical than in the past.* Reed's vertical integration should also provide protection.

The new Quebec newsprint plant boosted North American paper profits, but results from packaging and *European* paper were poor even though the latter had enjoyed a particularly strong second half last year. If this is the performance in supposedly buoyant market conditions the outlook in more competitive environments is not bright.

A third of Reed's activities are dependent on the US economy so the outlook for next year may cloud over. For this year, however, unless the dollar deteriorates significantly, Reed should make £240 million. The shares are up with events.



Sketchley

The heavy cost of investment in new businesses is holding back profits at Sketchley, the dry cleaning group. Operating profits rose by 18 per cent to £6.5 million. Significantly higher interest costs, however, meant that the pretax profit advanced just 2 per cent to £5.7 million. And the new shares issued for the acquisition of the food and drinks vending company, Roboserve, caused earnings to fall from 16.8p a share to 14.1p.

Consumer services, the *mainstay of the business,* had a difficult first half due to disappointing levels of dry cleaning sales. There are signs that this side of the business, *which accounts for 40 per* cent of trading profits, is improving.

Meanwhile, the group's business services and office equipment divisions had a good first half, vindicating its *strategy to diversify* its sources of profit.

The business services division increased its profits despite the effect of the reduced value of the British Coal contract. The benefits of *a new contract will be felt* next year.

Office equipment profits also came through strongly in the traditionally quieter first half.

The group is on course to meet its forecast of £11.5 million — made at the time of the Roboserve acquisition — implying a prospective multiple of about 14. The shares are underpinned by the 6.5 per cent yield.

Smallbone status

The price of a Smallbone kitchen — do not expect to have much change out of £20,000 — *restricts the num*ber of people rich enough to afford what in many circles is seen as the cook's ultimate status symbol.

In Britain, Smallbone has installed approaching 5,000 *such kitchens. But now vol*ume growth has slowed to under 10 per cent.

Even so sales by value should move ahead 35 per cent this year and 25 per cent next, reflecting customers preference for bigger, more complicated kitchens. Prices have also risen by 6 per cent.

Niche areas such as unfitted, purpose-built, kitchens (for the inverted snob?) have limited scope so Smallbone is branching out into the next most used rooms in a house, bathrooms and bedrooms.

Kitchens are budgeted to account for 40 per cent of turnover next year, but as the most mature division will make a bigger contribution to profits while fitted bathrooms and bedrooms should take up 20 per cent of sales.

Add on businesses, BC Sanitan (old fashioned sanitary ware) and And So To Bed, provide sound complementary activities.

Margins are widening as operating efficiencies are implemented and as the new Devizes factory came on stream. Start up costs in the US depressed profits by £300,000 but a maiden contribution from And So To Bed made up more than half this shortfall.

Profits for the full year could move comfortably above £2 million. The group is moving *from net cash to* net debt.

A well filled order book and expanding activities in the US provide comfort for Smallbone's underlying prospects but in these markets its *position at the top end of the* range leave it exposed if the rich begin to feel the squeeze.

APPOINTMENTS

Clydesdale names directors

Clydesdale Bank: Mr **Nobby Clark** and Mr **Barry Hefron** join the board and *Mr* **William Hodgson** becomes alternate director to Mr Clark. **Sir Eric Yarrow** joins the board of National Australia Bank.

Hughes Aircraft Company: Mr **David Snyder** is made a *senior vice-president.*

Freshfields: Mr **George Ritchie** has been made director of finance and administration.

Millard Contractors: Mr **Robert Irving** is named managing director, Mr **Brian Allen** construction director and Mr **Bob Kennett** commercial director. Mr **Brian Eggleston** becomes chairman.

Bridgend Group: Mr **FC Flood** joins the board.

Smarts Group: Mr **Tony Dodd** becomes operations director.

Usher-Walker: Mr **RJ Hubble** and *Mr* **RJ Loynton** join the board.

Powered Shower Systems: Mr **Keith Curtis** is named *managing director.*

Sedgwick Professional Indemnity Services: Mr **Charles Cox** *joins the board.*

NHM Special Risks: Mr **Tim Lardner** is made managing director and Mr **Douglas Laithwaite** and Mr **Daniel Fettroll** become directors.

Rex Williams (Leisure): Mr **John Hockey**, Mr **David Gore**, Mr **Peter Sealey** and Mr **Jeffrey Needus** join the board.

Pergamon sells Orbit Infoline

Maxwell Communications Corporation, the publicly quoted publishing and printing group run by Mr Robert Maxwell, is buying the Pergamon Orbit Infoline businesses from Pergamon Group, Mr Maxwell's private publishing company.

POI is an electronic database publisher with information *on chemistry, physics,* natural sciences and business.

The maximum price will be £111 million in cash, depending on POI's future profits. An *initial payment of £94 million* is based on Pergamon's warranty that POI's pretax profits will be not less than £4 million this year and not less than £7.5 *million next year.*

The valuation of POI has been made by an independent valuer. An extraordinary meeting of MCC shareholders *will be called to vote on the* acquisition. Mr Maxwell, who has a controlling interest in MCC, will not vote.

Healthy hospital

Swindon Private Hospital is not paying a dividend for the year to *July 31. With figures in £000s,* turnover was 1,882 (1,626), gross profit 918 (824), interest payable *170 (210),* pretax *profit* 156 (46) and tax 35 (nil). The hospital is consistently achieving *profitable levels of occu*pancy and while the company does not expect dramatic increases *in profitability in the* foreseeable future, the board is confident of continuing satisfactory progress.

Issue price halved

Julia Mines has halved the issue price of its previously announced one-for-*10* renounceable rights issue, bringing the price down to Aus$1.50 a share. The decision was taken "as a result of the dramatic realignment of prices on the stock exchange." Proceeds of the issue are intended to finance *Julia's final option payment on* the Paris mine, 50 kilometres south of Kambalda, Western *Australia, and to fund under*ground development and exploration.

Burgess payout

Burgess Group is paying a final dividend of 2.375p, making 3.125p (2.5p) for the year to August 1. With figures in £000s, turnover was 74,054 (46,656), costs of sales 53,232 (33,308), gross profit 20,822 (13,348), trading profit 8,691 (6,052), interest debit 458 (credit 16), *pretax profit* 8,233 (6,068), tax 2,058 (1,341), extraordinary items debit 79 (credit 203), and *earnings per share 19.3p (16.0p).*

Bridgend slips

Bridgend Group is paying an interim dividend of 0.2p (same) for the six months to June 30. With figures in £000, turnover was 16,050 (17,048), pretax profit 120 (130), no tax (12) and earnings per share were 0.84p (0.84p).

AAH purchase

AAH Holdings, the pharmaceuticals group, is buying JMF Supplies, a specialist distributor of surgical supplies, for £1.88 million, a deal regarded by the group as a key step in its planned expansion into the surgical products sector. It will enable the group to provide additional services to retail chemists and hospital customers. The purchase price will be satisfied by the issue of 486,000 shares, worth £1.7 million, with the balance in cash.

Microlease agrees

The offer for Microlease, by Newmir, has become unconditional with the acceptance by holders of 1,934,362 shares (56.9 per cent) by October 30. The acceptances, together with 335,000 Microlease shares acquired by Newmir during the offer period, represent 66.7 per cent of the issued share capital.

Palmerston delay

Palmerston Investment Trust has postponed a nine-for-one capitalization issue which was *to have been proposed at the* annual meeting on October 28.

Third Mile profits

Third Mile Investment has reported pretax profits of £245,162 for the six months to June 30, compared with £118,329 for the same period last year, on turnover of £1.608 million (£759,726). An interim dividend of 1.25p per share (1.0p) is being paid.

Glynwed buys

Glynwed International has purchased J Baguley and Sons, "the second largest supplier" of copper hot-water cylinders to the British building industry. Baguley's sales for its financial year to October 31 totalled about £5.5 million. The consideration, dependent on Baguley's audited accounts, will not exceed £4 million.

Akzo declines

The operating income of Akzo, the Dutch chemicals group, for the three months to September 30 fell to Fl 253.9 million (£74.7 million) from Fl 363.1 million in the comparable period despite net sales up to Fl 3.87 billion against Fl 3.74 billion.

Cramphorn scrip

A final 4.5p, making 7p (6.17p), will be paid by Cramphorn for the year to July 4. The company also proposes to make a one-for-one scrip issue. Turnover was £15,972,027 (£15,072,920), interest £72,441 (£123,103), pretax profit £683,540 (£550,078), tax £249,195 (£222,688) and earnings per share 30.05p 22.65p). Despite bad weather, sales this year are up by about 4.5 per cent over the same period of the previous year.

Hambros higher

Hambros Investment Trust has increased its interim dividend *for the half year to September 30* to 2p (1.2p), to reduce disparity. It is anticipated that the total *will at least equal that of last* year. With figures in £000: dividends 2,746 (1,762), bank and other interest 311 (717), rental income 413 (355), underwriting commission 96 (170), making 3,566 (3,004), interest 714 (715), expenses 755 (445), net revenue before tax 2,097 (1,844), tax 529 (573). Earnings per share 2.89p (2.34p), estimated net asset value on October 30, 270.6p.

Hartwells to buy

Hartwells Group is to acquire Harris of Louth from the Harris Agricultural Group. It is estimated the total consideration will be about £900,000 which will be paid in cash.

Blenheim expands

The Blenheim Exhibitions Group has acquired, through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Queensdale Exhibitions and Conferences, the Electronic Displays and Information Display Systems Exhibition from Network Events for an initial £351,500 cash plus up to £32,500 more depending on profits from the Electronic Displays Exhibition to be held later this month.

Bradford growth

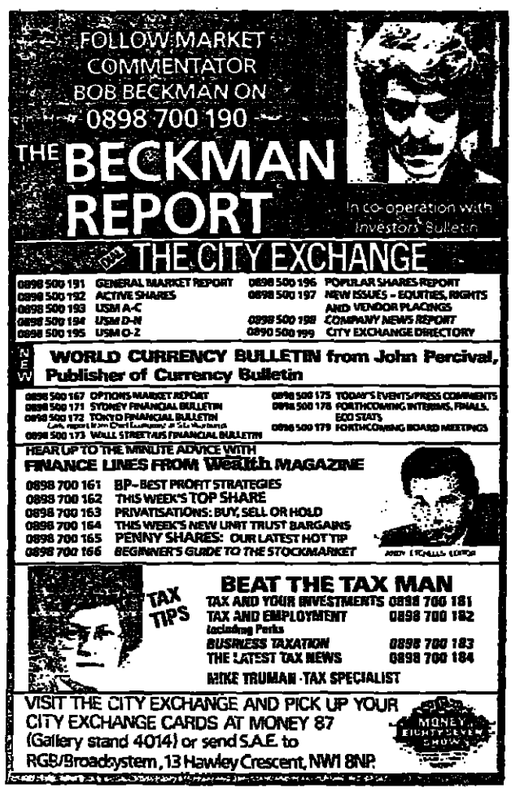
Bradford Property Trust is to raise its interim dividend for the half year to October 5 to 5.5p from 5p. With figures in £000: rental income was 4,218 (3,760), sales by dealing companies 8,754 (8,788), pretax profit 8,337 (7,341) and tax 2,920 (2,512). Earnings per share were *5.77p (5.35p),* net asset value, adjusted for the half-year, 659p.

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MANSION HOUSE SPEECHES

Governor praises Chancellor and City over BP 'dilemma'

This is the speech given by the Governor of the Bank of England, Mr Robin Leigh-Pemberton, at Mansion House last night

In the past, this dinner has been held in the middle of October, and I very much applauded your decision, my Lord Mayor, to hold it this year rather nearer the end of your term of office. But I cannot help speculating upon what my speech might have contained had it been given at the customary time. No doubt it would have been very different, even though one of my themes tonight is that, with appropriate policies, our views on the prospect for the real economy need not undergo too drastic a revision. I understood your original suggestion, my Lord Mayor, to be that your year should end with a bang! I hasten to add that I do not hold you personally responsible for the upheavals in the world's markets since the middle of October, although these have, of course, been the intense preoccupation of the financial community. But although the markets have remained uncertain over the past day or two, it is still appropriate, as in former years, to offer what has become the traditional annual stocktaking.

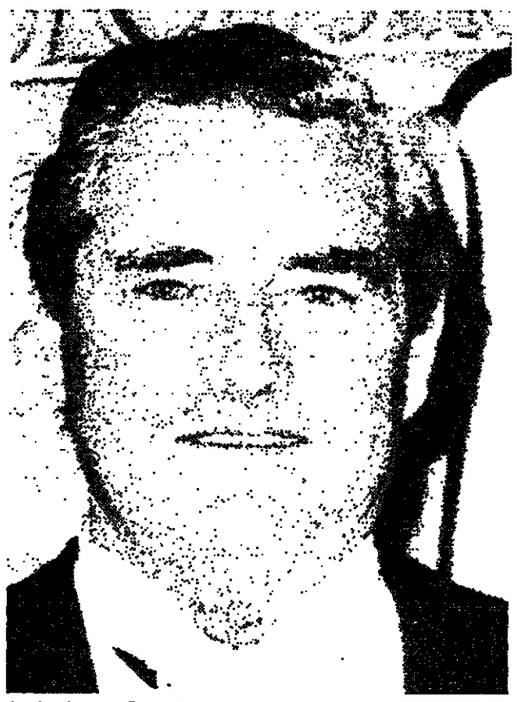
One of the most important influences of recent days has been the resolution of the BP sale, and the City is, I think, to be commended for the readiness of so many of those expecting to be adversely affected to see the share offer carried through. In this connection, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Chancellor on the wise and effective choice that he made last week, to resolve the unprecedented dilemma of having launched the largest-ever internationally-underwritten equity issue and then being faced with markets more dramatically disturbed than at any time in the present century.

I would agree with the widespread comment that part of the fall in equity prices constitutes a correction. This carries the implicit criticism that a more rational market might have avoided both the earlier overvaluation and the recent disturbance. In part, however, what happened was the markets' reaction to unresolved tensions in world payments balances, and particularly in the public finances of the United States.

While market conditions on the first anniversary of Big Bang were scarcely comfortable, we should not allow that to detract from the achievements of the past 12 months. The efficiency and liquidity of both domestic and international capital markets in London have improved, and the presence of British houses in the world securities industry has been strengthened. Although much still needs to be done with respect to settlement systems, the technology that backs the very visible quotation system of the Stock Exchange has operated to a very high standard indeed. The new dealing arrangements which this permits involve much quicker reactions than before. These may sometimes sharpen, rather than reduce, price movements in the very short term, but in most cases the more rapid assimilation of information enhances market efficiency. Even so, one of the features in the markets has been the disparity between stock price movements in the major centres, and in particular the fact that the UK market has shown a much steeper fall than might be suggested by the strength of our economy in relation to others.

The past year has also seen rapid development in City regulation, and it has been a formidable achievement to put the new structure into place. But within that structure, the main emphasis so far has been on drawing up details and fully-articulated regulations, and in this phase the practitioners' contribution has been overshadowed. I hope that we are now moving into a phase of application and refinement in which the practitioners can be allowed a greater part. This should contribute to a more sensitive balance between the protection of small investors and promoting efficient professional markets.

The main focus of attention during the changes in the City has inevitably been on market intermediaries. At the same time, the CBI taskforce, under Sir David Nickson, has examined many aspects of the complex relationship between the main users of the market — investors and industry. I was glad to hear that its report was so well received by the conference in Glasgow yesterday. It is, of course, essential for investors and the market to be sensitive and sympathetic to the problems of industry. It is, therefore, encouraging to know that emphasis is being placed on improving relations and communication in both directions, for this will stand all parties in good stead whatever lies ahead.



Praise for the City: Bank Governor Robin Leigh-Pemberton

The health of this relationship is important for the real economy, which has recently been expanding at a robust 4 per cent, with manufacturing expanding at an even faster pace. Unemployment, after peaking in the summer of 1986, has recently been falling at a rate of about 40,000 a month. In the last three years we have seen the pace of growth falter and then surge ahead; this has had an effect on productivity and unit labour costs which has run the risk of feeding alternately false fears and misplaced euphoria about our prospects. Our view is that the underlying trend growth of productivity has now reverted to something like the levels of the 1960s — which is more than can be said of most of our competitors.

This provides a relatively firm base from which to confront the uncertainties engendered by the movements in world stock markets. They are bound to lead to some downward shading of projected growth of world demand — particularly in the United States where demand is relatively more sensitive to changes in wealth. This deflationary tendency alters the context of discussion of the US budget. There is no diminution of the need for measures to reduce the structural deficit, but we should recognize that, for any given policy mix, a slowdown in activity in the US economy must inevitably affect the deficit.

It takes time to adopt and implement appropriate fiscal measures; but the initial responses of the authorities in most countries encourage the view that damage can and will be contained. I am sure that these responses, which have involved deliberate increases in the supply of liquidity to the system, were correct, even though at an earlier stage liquidity growth had been seen as a potential source of renewed inflation.

The direct effects of the stock market fall on the growth of consumption in this country seem unlikely to be all that great. Potentially more vulnerable is the recovery of industrial investment which is currently under way, and which is central to sustaining non-inflationary growth. The rise in the cost of equity capital will be only partly offset by lower interest rates, but company profits should remain strong.

Industrial companies have not, in fact, been financing their fixed investment by borrowing either from banks or the capital markets, and their balance sheets have not been weakened. I see little reason to shade down much our expectation for next year, and our own forecast for the growth of the non-oil economy is very close to the 3 per cent published yesterday by the Treasury. The perception that a market storm has devastated the ability of companies to conduct their business or to invest seems to me misplaced.

Finally, let me turn to some longer-term aspects of our trade performance. The contribution of oil to our current account reached a peak two years ago. But over half of the decline since then has been made up by growth of invisible earnings; this owes much to the way investors responded to the opportunity presented by the abolition of exchange controls. Moreover, much of the reduction in oil's contribution is due to the fall in its price since 1985. This gave us an opportunity to make industry more competitive without generating inflation. Of course, the rise in the oil price from its low point has reduced the scope for doing so, but it has by no means eliminated it.

In a turbulent environment we have endeavoured to give industry the advantage of a more stable exchange rate. This meant reducing interest rates earlier in the year by perhaps more than was justified by purely domestic considerations; so that, when pressures on the exchanges permitted, it seemed right to raise them a little in August. Since then, we have seen reductions, including one today, in recognition of developments in financial markets, both here and abroad, when the strength of worldwide demand is beginning to be questioned.

I have no doubt that our approach to monetary policy should remain flexible and pragmatic; but I can equally assure you that we will not lose sight of our primary long-term objective of stable prices.

Goodison says market collapse must not obscure achievements

This is an extract from the speech by the chairman of the International Stock Exchange, Sir Nicholas Goodison

The sharp falls in world equity markets in the last two weeks have spawned many myths: institutional investors were not selling, smaller investors were running away, computer technology was a direct cause of the falls, there would be major bankruptcies in the London market, Settlement Day on Monday would bring disaster. The facts show that none of these is true, and I shall not waste time on them. I would like rather to make two general comments.

First, I can well understand that people managing industrial companies are amazed and troubled by the fall in their share prices when there is no immediate change in their companies' activity or outlook. Some have said that stock markets are nothing to do with the real world. But the attitudes of investors, which dictate share prices, are very much part of the real world. A massive loss of confidence in the judgement of the world's political leaders, such as we have seen in the last two weeks, not only increases the cost of new risk capital, it virtually closes down the supply. I therefore warmly support the Chancellor's views on the need for political action at the highest level in the USA, Japan and Germany to cure the imbalances in the world's financial system.

In the last 12 months, UK companies have raised some £20 billion through the stock market, £14 billion of it through the issue of equity. Privatization issues have raised a further £9 billion. These are record figures by a long, long margin. They show that the UK and its capital market are both in excellent shape. I am confident that we will see the record continuing if the world can be restored to stability.

Second, the stock market has gone through, in a very short time, the greatest turmoil that it has seen since 1974. Some commentators have said that our new market in London, with all its new members, new rules, new computer systems and so on, has aggravated the turbulence. Far from it. The Stock Exchange central systems have worked exceedingly well. Market-makers have inevitably widened their quotations during difficult days, but the London stock market has remained open all the time. It has dealt with an enormous volume of customers' business in UK securities — including a very large number of small buyers. Turnover in foreign securities has broken all records.

The Stock Exchange's daily surveillance of the positions of market practitioners has been extremely efficient. The settlement of record volumes has gone smoothly. I believe that London's reputation as a liquid, competitive, trustworthy and efficient stock market has not only stood the very difficult test of the last few weeks but has come out of it greatly enhanced.

In short, the market falls must not be allowed to obscure the prodigious achievements of those who have helped in the reform of the market and in the technical developments to support it. I thank them and pay tribute to them.

Similarly, the setback must not obscure the prodigious achievements in improving the UK economy. Here too there is great cause for congratulation. In 1976, when I first spoke from this platform, industry, commerce, and the financial markets which served them, were suffering the oppressions of one of the most socialized economies in the Western world. Britain was commonly called the sick man of Europe.

My congratulations go to the Chancellor, and to his predecessor, and to all their colleagues in Government for taking many of the necessary steps to cure the disease.

I have recently returned from official visits to Hong Kong, Tokyo and the USA. It has been a pleasure to be able to speak to audiences about the new Britain: to say with pride that the growth of Britain's productivity and output is ahead of its competitors: to report that Britain is today again, after over 40 years of decline, a business-like and entrepreneurial country: and to record with confidence that it now has a better chance of solving the remaining problems, especially in education and training, than it has stood for many years.

COMMENT Kenneth Fleet

Bank remains flexible on monetary policy

The Governor of the Bank of England was in suitable sober and realistic mood last evening when he addressed the merchants and bankers at the Lord Mayor's traditonal autumn banquet. After a conciliatory word of congratulation to the Chancellor of the Exchequer for his wise and effective choice "in resolving the BP sale dilemma," he supported my analysis here yesterday of the probable impact of shrunken share values on the growth of world demand — "particularly in the United States where demand is relatively more sensitive to changes in wealth." At home he saw the recovery in industrial investment, "which is central to sustaining non-inflationary growth," as more vulnerable than consumer spending. On the bright side company profits should remain strong and balance sheets have not been weakened.

The Bank's single contribution to industry in turbulent times has been a more stable exchange rate, cutting interest rates earlier in the year, putting them up in August and reducing them again yesterday — "in recognition of developments in financial markets, when the strength of demand is beginning to be questioned. The watchwords in monetary policy have been and will remain "flexible and pragmatic."

As for the stock markets the Governor accepts the view that part of the fall constitutes no more than "a correction." This implies of course that markets before the fall had behaved in an irrational way, share prices running away too fast and too far. It is equally apparent, on this view of recent market behaviour, that the fall was too drastic. Perhaps, but if it is so that the new computer-based dealing system, which has done wonders in many ways since it was introduced barely a year ago, must bear some of the blame.

Under the NASDAQ system adopted from America trading rapidly became one-way. The buffer against a tide of selling (or a tide of buying) previously provided by the old jobbing system was missed. It is something that has to be built into the new system, not into the machinery as such but into relationships and communications between market-makers and their clients.

Meanwhile the market had another poor day, partly because of disappointment that the Chancellor's Autumn Statement the day before contained nothing positively bullish. This negaitve feeling produced the half per cent in bank base rates to 9 per cent. The darker side of Tuesday's statement was Mr Lawson's forecasts of inflation and the balance of payments: they upset the more sanguine City analysts. Particulary he projcted a balance of payments figure of £3.5 billion where the underlying assumptions were judged to be too optimistic.

But hope springs eternal. Maybe the Chancellor was being deliberately too conservative.

BP deals must be free

Yesterday afternoon's bounce in London share prices will have been greeted with relief as much in the corridors of the Bank of England as anywhere else in the City.

Earlier in the day the mood of the markets was perhaps at its blackest since the first days of the current slump. The BP partly-paid shares issued in the Government sale plumbed new depths, reaching 74p before responding positively to the cut in bank base rates. It looked at one time as though the Government would be swamped with takers of its 70p a share buy-back deal when it comes into force, probably on Monday.

The Chancellor and the Bank are by no means out of the woods. Buyers of the £7.5 billion worth of stock have in effect a two-month put option at their disposal. In current conditions, that looks a very long time indeed.

The Bank was yesterday hard at work putting some flesh on the bare bones of the buy-back scheme announced by the Chancellor last week. It was giving nothing away. But if the Chancellor is to keep faith with the hardy band of 270,000 souls who took up the offer, the terms, when they appear must satisfy a number of conditions.

First it is important that the selling arrangements should be different from a normal Stock Exchange transaction, which would attract commission and other costs. It hardly needs to be stated that this offer is far from normal. The very fact that it was conceived at all is proof enough. For the most unfortunate of small shareholders, who cannot afford to let time pass in the hope of healing their financial wounds, the payment of commission on the severe losses they have suffered already would be adding insult to injury.

Sellers of the minimum 80 shares would receive only £56 and a further £15 — the minimum commission on a normal transaction — represents a charge of usurious proportions. Clearly then, the buy-back arrangements should be free of costs in the interests of protecting the dented image of private share ownership.

Details of the offer must also be extensively advertised. Otherwise it will be small shareholders who suffer. There is little doubt that the professional investor will, as usual, find out all he needs to know. Additional circulars therefore need to be dispatched with allotment letters. Preferably, shareholders should be able to sell direct to the Bank in the interests of simplicity.

In practice, all shareholders should take note that they have a two-month option and should therefore not be panicked into hasty action. As in a takeover bid, they should hold on until the last moment.

Still bright as a Berry

Debonair Tony Berry, the man who has, in four short years, turned Blue Arrow into the world's largest employment agency, breezed into town yesterday, seemingly without a care in the world. He openly admits that he has been hit harder than most in the recent stock market collapse but is showing no visible signs of strain. Just two months ago he borrowed a cool £8 million from his local branch of Barclays to take up part of his rights entitlement following Blue Arrow's £900 million acquisition in the US of Manpower. Since then the shares of his company have tumbled further than most — to a new low yesterday of 78p. But while the envious would love to see him come a cropper, Berry is, as ever, supremely confident. His total Blue Arrow shareholding of some 14 million shares is now worth £11 million — still more than covering his loan. And Berry tells me: "The shares may have dropped by more than 50 per cent but my loan is locked in, with the interest rolled over, for 18 months so there's nothing the bank can do about it. I have been to see them and they say that they believe in the company and are more than happy with the situation. I won't have to pay anything until the agreement expires and then only if they are still below what I paid." What does he think of equity prices right now? "I think the bounce will come faster than people expect and within 12 months the index will be 10 or 15 per cent higher than it was before the crash."

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

On Valentino's knee

Margery Hurst, the 74-year-old founder of employment agency Brook Street Bureau once sat on the knee of the world's greatest screen lover, Rodolph Valentino. The demure Mrs Hurst made this surprise revelation yesterday at a Claridge's lunch in her honour, to mark the 40th anniversary of BSB. "He put his arm around me," she said, "but unfortunately I was only 4 years old at the time." Margery, whose father was a film producer, started BSB with a £50 overdraft and a borrowed typewriter, from her flat opposite Claridge's — in Brook Street — by doing secretarial work for the hotel's guests.

Pavement

They always say that going public is a traumatic experience — but things are supposed to quieten down afterwards. Not so for housebuilder Bellwinch, which came to market last April, under the managing directorship of Ron King, previously head of Tarmac subsidiary McClean Homes. Bellwinch's first annual meeting as a quoted company was scheduled to take place at noon yesterday at the Institute of Directors, Pall Mall. But when the directors turned up they found the building had been cleared by a bomb scare ahead of a visit by Princess Anne yesterday afternoon. Undeterred, the enterprising young men from Bellwinch proceeded with their meeting at the appointed hour, on the pavement in adjacent Waterloo Place. Bemused shareholders swiftly agreed to adjourn the meeting and reconvene at 12.30pm, in the nearby offices of the obliging Midland Bank, Bellwinch's bankers. Lunch at the Institute also had to go by the board, but the Hyde Park Hotel was pleased to accommodate Bellwinch and its guests, even at such a late hour.



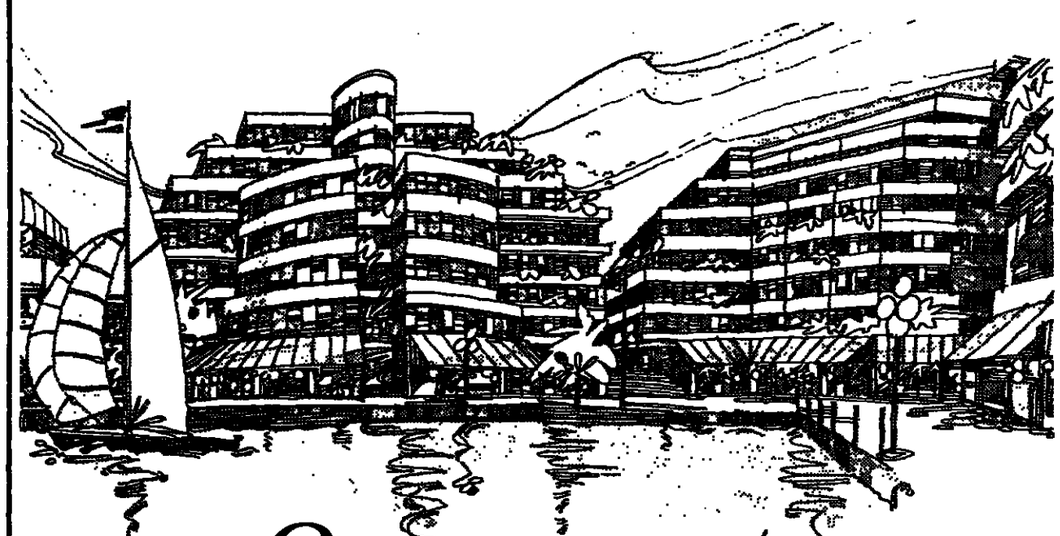
"I've formed a new monetary policy since last year"

New ways to lose

One of the City's leading betting companies is introducing a new method for shell-shocked punters to bet on stock market gyrations. City Index MD Christopher Hales is now offering fixed odds on where the FT-SE 100 index will be on Christmas Day. "We think that given the present volatility in the market this is the best way for clients to participate in market movements while being able to limit losses to stakes invested." Some clients who have been betting on day-to-day movements in the index have apparently lost fortunes. One man lost £900,000 on a bet on the Dow Jones index. "People have been losing an awful lot with daily falls of up to 100 points. By offering fixed odds we are enabling them still to have some fun but without running the risk of a cardiac arrest," Hales said. Latest odds on the FT-SE going below 1400 on December 25 are 4/1, and 10/1 on the index going back above 1800 to 1899.9.

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Carol Leonard



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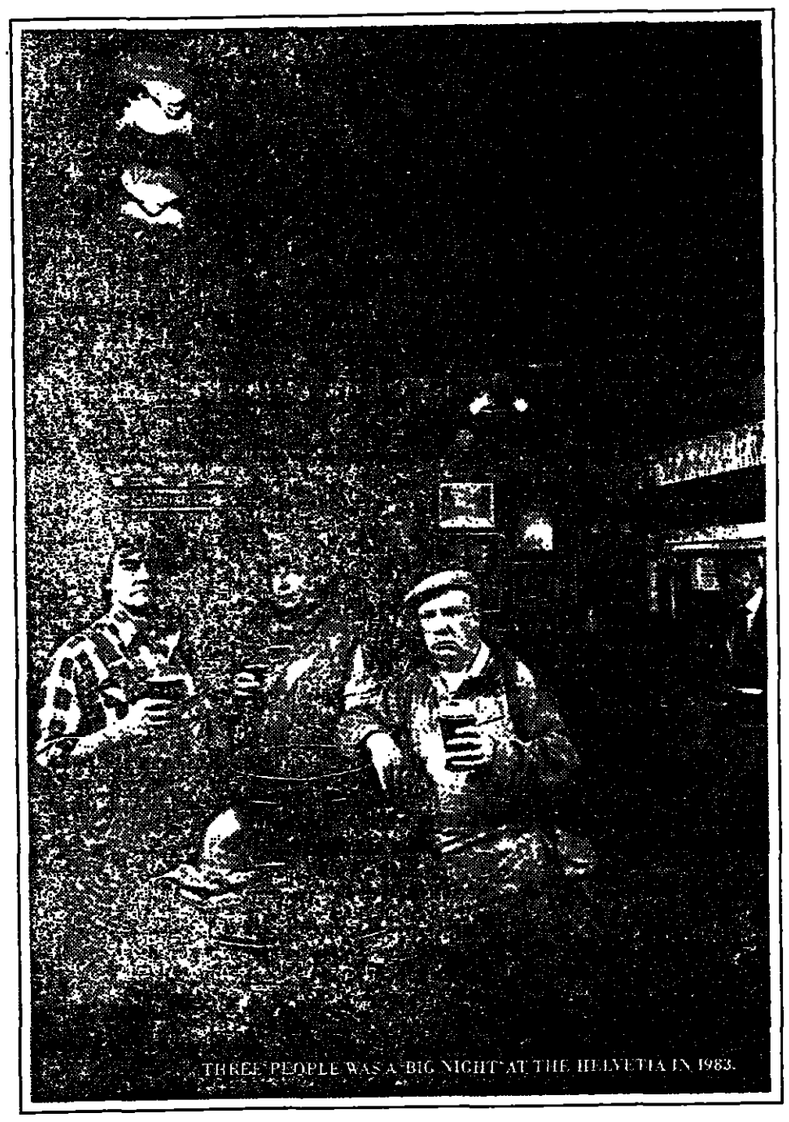
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	Series	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Puts Jan	Puts Apr	Puts Jul
Allied Lyon... ('325)	300	39	53	60	23	25	33
	330	23	37	45	40	45	55
	360	13	23	33	60	63	65
Bass... ('815)	800	50	75	100	55	75	80
	850	28	55	75	95	105	115
	900	18	35	55	130	140	145
Brit Air... ('138)	130	18	25	35	20	25	35
	140	14	22	30	28	30	36
	160	7	15	22	43	45	45
Brit Com... ('323)	300	28	35	45	45	50	65
	330	20	25	35	60	65	70
	360	10	17	25	85	95	95
Brit Gas... ('137)	130	18	21	28	11	15	18
	140	–	17	20	–	24	28
	160	–	12	15	–	37	38
BP... ('249)	240	25	35	45	28	27	35
	260	15	25	35	30	40	47
	280	–	17	22	–	55	60
Bristol... ('210)	200	35	42	50	28	28	35
	220	25	33	42	30	38	45
	240	16	25	33	43	52	58
Cons Gold... ('810)	750	110	140	170	60	90	120
	800	80	120	150	90	130	160
	850	65	100	130	140	170	200
Courtauld... ('319)	330	32	40	50	50	55	60
	360	20	28	37	75	80	90
	390	12	21	28	100	105	110
	420	7	13	18	120	130	130
Com Union... ('309)	300	30	35	45	40	50	60
	330	18	25	35	60	75	80
	360	12	17	28	93	100	105
C & W... ('310)	260	63	75	90	18	27	37
	280	50	65	95	30	42	52
	300	40	55	70	45	50	60
	330	27	45	50	60	64	72
GEC... ('179)	160	35	43	57	10	15	20
	180	20	29	40	18	27	30
	200	12	20	28	28	35	42
GKN... ('227)	240	35	42	50	25	38	45
	260	25	33	42	43	50	55
	280	15	25	35	50	62	67
Grand Met... ('378)	300	10	20	30	65	77	80
	330	30	40	55	35	43	50
	360	18	28	38	55	63	68
	390	10	18	28	70	90	85
	420	5	12	20	110	113	110
ICI... ('1010)	1000	100	120	150	100	130	140
	1050	80	100	125	125	145	170
	1100	60	85	105	160	190	200
	1150	47	68	95	165	225	235
Jaguar... ('298)	280	32	45	60	38	50	60
	300	25	38	50	50	62	70
	330	15	30	43	72	82	90
Land Sec... ('430)	420	25	37	50	48	53	58
	450	27	30	48	60	67	75
	500	15	27	37	85	90	98
M & S... ('194)	200	14	24	28	26	32	36
	220	7	16	24	42	48	50
	240	3	12	18	58	60	62
R-Royce... ('129)	120	15	22	28	13	17	20
	130	15	22	28	20	25	28
	140	9	17	20	25	32	35
	160	5	10	14	40	43	46
Shell... ('1005)	1000	65	95	125	95	125	165
	1050	43	73	105	130	160	195
	1100	30	57	90	165	195	225
Stanhse... ('251)	260	12	20	30	52	55	57
	280	10	17	25	68	70	78
	300	6	13	17	88	88	88
	330	3	10	13	115	115	115
Trafalgar... ('287)	280	22	35	47	33	40	47
	300	15	27	40	47	55	60
	330	6	17	32	70	73	78
TSB... ('103)	100	16	20	24	12	16	20
	110	10	16	19	20	23	25
	120	6	11	14	25	28	28
Woolworth... ('300)	280	35	50	60	25	30	35
	300	27	40	50	45	50	55
	330	13	30	35	60	70	75
	360	–	20	–	–	85	–

	Series	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Puts Dec	Puts Mar	Puts Jun
De Beers... ('1050)	1200	50	–	–	150	–	–
	1300	20	–	–	260	–	–
Glaxo... ('1010)	1050	75	115	150	100	130	140
	1100	55	95	130	140	150	170
	1150	40	80	110	180	195	205
	1200	30	65	95	220	230	240
Hanson... ('125)	110	21	26	30	6	9	13
	120	16	20	24	11	14	17
	130	10	15	20	17	19	22
	140	6	11	15	24	27	30
Lonrho... ('203)	200	28	38	48	13	20	25
	220	15	28	37	25	33	40
	240	–	23	33	–	48	55
	260	–	15	26	–	65	70
Midland... ('323)	330	40	60	70	40	55	70
	360	25	50	60	55	70	80
	390	15	35	45	85	90	105
Sears... ('117)	120	10	17	23	18	19	22
	130	7	14	18	23	25	27
	140	4	10	15	31	33	35
Tesco... ('148)	160	–	18	22	–	24	27
	167	7	–	–	25	–	–
	183	3	10	–	42	42	–
Thorn EMI... ('441)	420	65	73	105	28	32	47
	460	40	55	85	52	65	80
	500	27	35	60	85	90	105
	550	15	17	40	120	125	130
THF... ('174)	180	23	30	35	32	38	45
	200	13	18	25	48	56	56
	220	7	10	15	55	58	62
Unilever... ('448)	420	60	80	90	25	40	52
	450	35	60	70	45	65	75
	500	20	35	50	75	85	100
Wellcome... ('309)	300	48	55	70	30	33	40
	330	25	40	55	45	50	60
	360	15	30	45	65	70	75

	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
BAA... ('102)	100	8	20	23	10	18	20
	110	4	13	18	15	22	27
Brit Aero... ('305)	330	12	32	45	45	52	70
	360	4	23	35	62	73	90
BAT Ind... ('414)	390	2	17	28	90	95	110
	420	46	60	75	18	28	45
	460	23	45	60	30	45	57
Brit Telc... ('214)	220	15	27	35	17	25	35
	240	6	18	30	30	40	48
Cadbury... ('201)	220	8	22	27	28	33	35
	240	3	12	17	46	48	50
Gunness... ('235)	240	20	30	38	17	25	33
	260	8	20	28	32	37	45
Ladbroke... ('300)	300	23	35	47	15	30	45
	330	13	23	33	43	50	60
LASMO... ('217)	220	20	33	47	25	33	45
	240	10	25	35	38	43	52
Pilkington... ('189)	260	7	22	32	50	55	67
	280	3	13	20	47	52	60
	200	10	27	37	24	28	35
Plessey... ('137)	220	5	17	33	45	48	52
	140	12	22	33	20	24	27
	160	6	15	21	29	37	40
P & O... ('495)	180	3	9	17	45	52	55
	460	47	70	82	20	28	40
Prudential... ('783)	500	15	47	58	32	45	55
	550	–	27	38	–	70	80
	750	70	120	135	25	60	90
Racal... ('159)	800	35	90	115	55	90	120
	850	30	70	95	80	120	140
	200	17	33	42	15	25	30
RTZ... ('268)	220	7	22	32	28	38	43
	240	5	17	23	43	52	60
	280	25	80	80	30	50	55
	300	10	45	65	45	70	90
Vaal Reef... ('90)	330	–	35	55	–	100	115
	360	3	28	45	105	130	140
	110	3	11	17	23	28	33
	120	2	7	13	33	37	43
	130	1⅛	6	10	43	47	53
Tr 11¾% 1881 (£107)	102	5⅝	5 1/16	—	1/16	3/16	—
	104	3⅝	3 1/16	—	3/32	9/32	—
	105	1 31/32	2 9/16	—	5/8	1⅛	—
Tr 11¾% 03/07 (£120)	108	1/32	3/4	—	1 7/32	2 9/16	—
	110	10⅛	10⅞	10¾	1/16	⅝	1⅜
	112	8 1/16	8¾	9⅝	3/32	15/16	2 9/16
	114	6⅝	7 7/16	7⅞	3/16	1⅝	2 5/16
	116	4⅝	5⅞	6⅝	15/32	2 1/16	3⅛
	118	3⅛	4 5/16	5 1/16	15/16	2 13/16	3⅝

FT-SE INDEX ('1582)

Series	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
1600	75	110	145	—	118	150	165	—
1650	55	90	125	145	155	180	195	235
1700	40	75	107	125	190	210	225	270
1750	25	60	90	110	225	240	260	300
1800	18	50	80	95	275	280	300	333
1850	13	40	68	—	315	325	335	—
1900	8	33	55	—	367	370	380	—
1950	6	27	47	—	415	415	415	—

November 4, 1987 Total: 43561 Calls 18343 Puts 25218 FT-SE: Calls 1600 Puts 1513
*Underlying security price.

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
November 2	November 13	February 4	February 15

Call options were taken out on: 4/11/87 Amal. Financial, Talbex, J Crowther, Marks & Spencer, Explaura, Rolls-Royce, Control Secs., THF, Bulmer, Rivlin, Tootal, Wellcome, Whessoe, Aitken Hume, Weir Group, Stanco, Conroy Pets., British Vita, Aran Energy, Eagle Trust, BBA, Blacks Leisure, Sainsbury, Greenwich, Hazelwood Foods, London Inv. Trust, Ferranti, GKN, North Kalgurli Mines, Wilshaw Secs., First Leisure, Crest Nicholson, Martin Ford, Southend Stadium, Regalian, Arlington, ECC, ASDA- MFI, Hanson, Rover, British Aerospace, Racal, BP.

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

Alba	91 –10
Amer Plastic (61p)	66 –5
Anglo Leasing	165
Banner Homes (105p)	86 –14
Brit Pet P/P	77 +1
Butte Mining (100p)	85 –10
Cauldon	25 –5
Chartsearch	23½ –2
Co of Designers (100p)	103 –12
Dolphin Packg (106p)	113 –12
Explaura	19 –8½
Fairway Ldn	81 –2
ISA Intl (80p)	90 –8
Kingston Oil (100p)	90 –6
Knobs Knockers	92 –3
Lloyd Thomp (170p)	176
Marcol Group	73 –5
Power Corp	75
Record (88p)	71 –7
Rolls-Royce (170p)	127 –2
Ross Consumer (165p)	195
Rural Ptan	88 –8
Sac Archives	177 –3
Shaftsbury (180p)	125 –12
Stanhope Props (250p)	148 –29
Tubular Exhib	22 –3
URS Intl	68 –5
USDC Inv	123 –8
Wilshaw Secs	22 –3
Zetters Leis	133

RIGHTS ISSUES

Anns Bacher N/P	3
Baldwin N/P	
Compsoft Hldgs N/P	13 –8
Falcon Ind N/P	¾
Harmony Leis N/P	¾
Southend Stadium N/P	¼
Securiguard N/P	
St Ives N/P	¼
TR Energy N/P	¾ –¼

(Issue price in brackets).

THIRD MARKET

1987 High	1987 Low	Company	Price Bid	Price Offr	Chg
485	185	Abelscot	220	250	–10
56	18	Aber Am Pet	29	32	–1
150	110	Allied Ins	129	139	–2
78	41	Amercoeur	38	43	–9
111	55	Andaman Res	68	73	nc
285	116	Broadcast	170	190	–5
192	61	Camotech	82	92	–8
103	45	Catalyst	54	58	–5
203	153	Chelsea Art	150	165	+3
110	45	Chemex Intl	40	50	–8
159	103	Comac	100	110	–3
151	50	Corton Bch	75	80	–10
228	150	Crown Eye	145	155	–8
68	16	Eglinton	15	17	–3
45	11	Do Wrnts	10	12	–1
188	1	Far E Res	70	80	–10
110	70	Gardner (J)	85	75	–3
53	25	Honerbot	26	29	–7
73	58	Kemp (PE)	55	60	–3
181	65	Leading Lsr	68	73	–15
95	68	Lynx Tech	77	87	+2
180	108	Medarace	103	113	–7
80	15	Pub Hldgs	28	33	–10
128	85	Seacon	103	93	–5
87	45	Thorne Hldgs	85	95	–8
715	140	UPL	135	145	nc
140	103	Unit Group	122	132	–2

BASE LENDING RATES

ABN	9.50%
Adam & Company	9.50%
BCCI	9.50%
Consolidated Crds	9.00%
Co-operative Bank	9.50%
C. Hoare & Co	9.50%
Hong Kong & Shanghai	9.00%
Lloyds Bank	9.00%
Nat Westminster	9.00%
Royal Bank of Scotland	9.00%
TSB	9.00%
Citibank NA	9.50%

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Interim Dividends for 1987

By the extended closing date of 29th October 1987 for the lodgment of election forms in Hong Kong and in London, elections for cash dividends had been received from the holders of 887,708,443 'A' shares and 2,929,355,219 'B' shares. Accordingly, the following new shares have been allotted to shareholders in respect of the interim dividends for 1987 to be satisfied by the issue of scrip:

	Number of new shares issued	Proportion of existing shares in issue
'A' shares	500,559	0.0520%
'B' shares	773,749	0.0255%

Certificates for the new 'A' shares and 'B' shares, together with dividend warrants for the minimum cash dividends of 1.0¢ per 'A' share and 0.2¢ per 'B' share and for the other cash dividends for which elections were received, have been despatched to shareholders. The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited has granted listings for and permission to deal in the new shares.

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WORLD STOCK MARKETS ROUND-UP: SYDNEY

Worst losses in 50 years outstrip other exchanges

From Richard Battley, Sydney

Australia's stock market has a distinction it does not want: in the worst crash in the past 50 years, it has lost more than any other big market in the world.

At the close of trading yesterday, its key barometer, the All-Ordinaries index, had plummeted 74 points, or 5.4 per cent, to 1,290 points. This is 39.8 per cent below the opening on Black Monday, October 16.

The Australian Stock Exchange, controller of the six capital-city exchanges, said yesterday that market capitalization last month fell by $Aus113 billion (£44.3 billion) or 37 per cent.

The selling fever was fuelled by foreign investors pulling out. Brokers said overseas institutions were deserting Australia. The Australian dollar reflects this: on October 16 it was worth US$0.7240; yesterday it closed at US$0.6788

"It's all very depressing," one broker said. Another added: "We've given up contacting European fund managers. They just don't want to hear about us."

US impressions of the Australian market were further damaged by an article in the *Wall Street Journal* yesterday concluding the crash here was yet to bottom out.

Yesterday's abrupt end to the tentative recovery of the previous three trading days followed Tuesday's sharp falls in New York and London.

"We always take bad overseas news to incredible extremes," Mr Bruce McFarlane of McCaughan Dyson and Co, the broker, said, "if the Dow falls by 50 points — we fall by 75."

Gold stocks were the hardest hit after the gold price failed to react to the falling US dollar. Its index slumped 157 points, or 7.6 per cent, to 1,974 points.

Heavy selling of resources issues pushed that sector down 57 points, or 7 per cent, to 757 points. The industrial sector shed 95 points, or 4.5 per cent, to 1,984 points.

Investors again shunned Elders IXL, which has abandoned its multi-billion dollar restructuring plans despite claims by Mr John Elliott, the chief executive, that the comany was poised to make "significant acquisitions".

National turnover totalled 114 million shares, worth $175 million.

HONG KONG

Hang Seng drops 103

Share prices closed sharply lower in sluggish trading as selling pressure continued after Tuesday's losses, dealers said. Late buying halted the slide which threatened to push the Hang Seng index below the psychologically important 2,000 level.

The index ended the day 103.63 points lower at 2,077.11. Turnover rose slightly to HK$1.21 billion from HK$1.11 billion on Tuesday.

Brokers said the market's outlook remains gloomy, noting concern over the Cheung Kong group's HK$10 billion rights issues as payment is due next week.

Liquidation sales continued following the stock exchange's notice ordering central clearing today, they said.

Trading of Hang Seng index futures was thin as the futures exchange continued to restrict short-selling.

FRANKFURT

Shares edge lower

Share prices ended a nervous session lower and near the worst levels of the day and the year, undermined by a falling dollar and drops on other exchanges.

"Investments have become extremely short-term. Investors are buying one day and selling the next," one dealer said.

Selling pressure emerged from domestic and foreign investors but turnover was thin. Dealers said news that the Bundesbank had bought $100.6 million as the dollar was fixed slightly higher at DM1.7090 also weighed on sentiment.

"The dollar will continue to fall," said a dealer. "Increasing dollar purchases at the fix only confirm this."

The West German Commerzbank 60-share index fell 57.4 points, or 3.9 per cent, to 1,427.9. Its year low of 1,427.1 was recorded on October 28.

TOKYO

Continuing slide in dollar value fuels pessimism

Share prices in Tokyo closed sharply lower in light trading yesterday as the market reacted negatively to a continued slide in the value of the American dollar.

The 225-stock Nikkei average dropped 298.07 points to close at 23,060.53 as early selling of dollar-sensitive export-oriented electricals spread to most other sectors.

The big securities houses bought stocks related to the expansion of Japan's economy in early trade and these issues stayed firm all day.

Selling centred on securities house, bank, insurance, communications, electronics, railway, credit/leasing, service, retail, general manufacturing, and pharmaceutical issues.

Brokers said most economists expect the dollar to fall further against the yen, especially if the slide on Wall Street continues to menace US economic growth. But they added that Japan would probably reflate its economy and cut interest rates to help offset slower US expansion.

"We must have reflation here to help America out of its current sloth," said one senior securities analyst. "There is so much more to do on the (Japanese) infrastructure like build better roads and sewerage systems."

Investors bought rubber, food, electric power and stocks of other firms supplying basic necessities, demand for which would increase as the economy is reflated. Companies which own land also gained because land prices may rise as spending in the economy increases, brokers said.

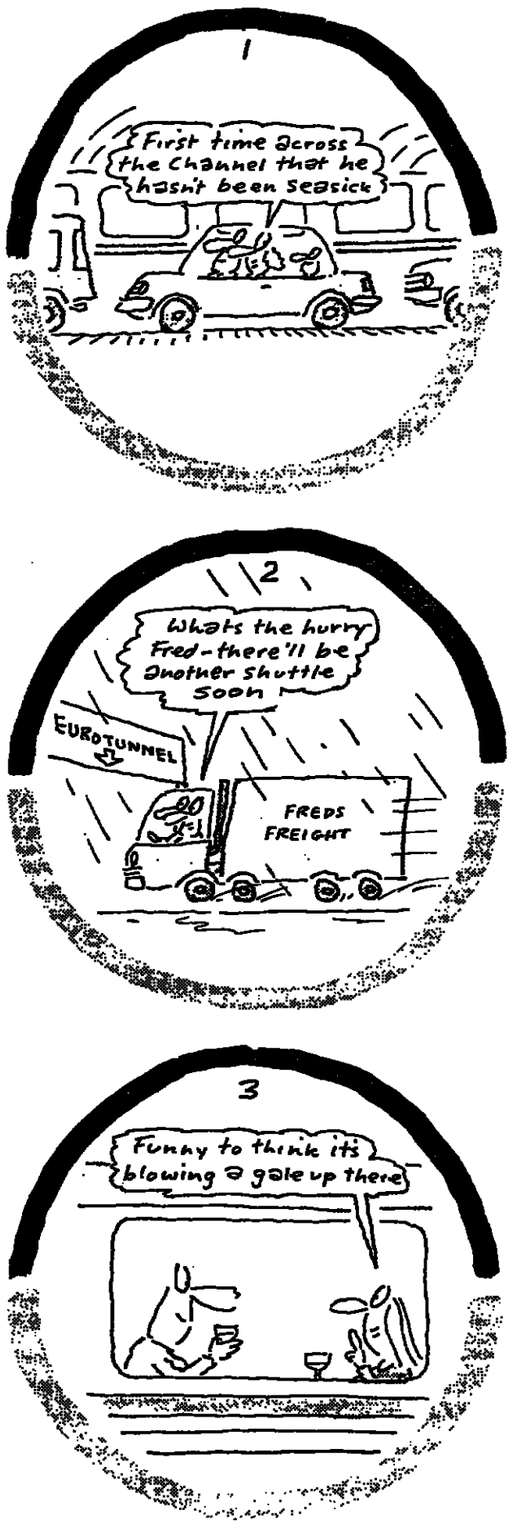
The dollar closed at a postwar low of 137.25 yen, down 0.33 yen. It had traded below the 137-yen level at one point during the day.

Mr Kiichi Miyazawa, the Japanese finance minister, and many other cabinet ministers expressed concern at the dollar's weakness and pledged continued intervention in the foreign exchange markets by the Bank of Japan and other leading Western-bloc central banks.

But the market appeared to discount the indicated resolve and traders said the ministerial remarks had little effect on market sentiment.

Both traders and Japanese politicians said little could be done to support the dollar without concrete action from Washington to reduce the huge trade and budget deficits.

On the Tokyo Stock Exchange, volume was estimated at 600 million shares.



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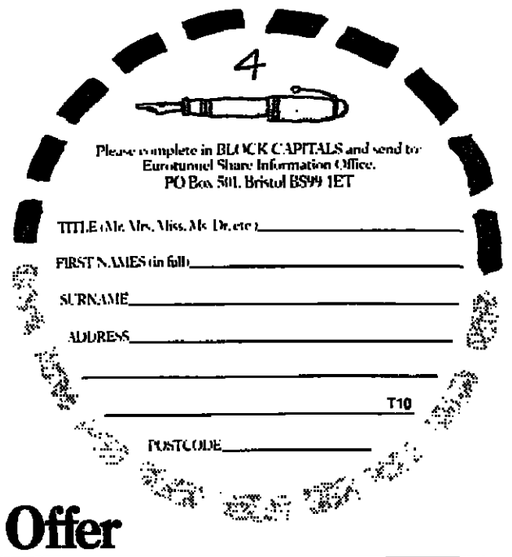
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BUSINESS SUMMARY

Debut for MI Group financial superstore

The MI Group, a financial superstore providing personal and commercial financial products, is being launched today. The new operation has been funded by Cornhill – part of the West German Allianz Group – and consists of the former management and staff of The Porchester Group and Merchant Investors.

The group will operate from the existing Porchester and Merchant Investors offices, giving a total of 21 retail outlets throughout the United Kingdom. The range of products offered includes life assurance and pension policies, general insurance and mortgages. The group intends to launch an MI unit trust company next year. At launch, MI Group has 1,400 employees, 300,000 clients and £300 million under management.

New oil field is named

Britain's newest oil field has been named and a programme of appraisal drilling, to investigate its commercial operation, starts on Saturday. A test well at the Hudson Field, so named by Amoco, the petroleum company, after its practice of calling its North Sea oil fields after famous explorers, has produced almost 5,000 barrels of oil a day.

Argus Press in US buy

Argus Press, a subsidiary of industrial services group BET, has bought two US business magazines for $6.4 million (£3.7 million). *Boating Industry* (monthly circulation: 24,000) last year produced revenue of more than $4.3 million, together with its associated publications. *Fire Chief* (monthly circulation: 34,000) had revenue of $1.3 million in 1986.

£1.3m for McInerney

McInerney Properties, the Irish building and contracting company, made pretax profits of £1.3 million in the half year to the end of June, against £1.06 million in the previous half year. Turnover fell to £30.4 million from £36.2 million.

The company said that the major thrust of its expansion would continue to be in housing and commercial developments in South-east England and in leisure markets in Europe. Demand has been good for the two commercial developments in Fulham, London and Haywards Heath, Sussex. An unchanged interim dividend of 1p is being paid.

Avis Europe buy cleared

The acquisition by Avis Europe of CD Bramall, the car leasing and dealing company, will not be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. In addition, Lord Young of Graffham, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, has also cleared the joint venture proposals of Plessey and *Telenet Communications* Corporation.

Profit falls at property firm

Estates & Agency Holdings, the property investment company, yesterday reported a pretax profit of £312,000 for the first six months of the year compared with a previous £333,000. There is an extraordinary gain of £380,000 arising out of the sale of its stake in Western Motor Holdings. In the stock market the shares fell 17p to 188p.

Guinness disposals

Guinness has sold two of its health-care subsidiaries to Booker, the food group, for £5.5 million cash. The two companies are Nature's Best Health Products and Dietary Specialities – both operating in the vitamins and nutritional supplements field.

***Booker has also purchased* Hillstart – which has 17 shops trading as Happy Nut House – for £1.5 million cash.**

Private Spanish satellite TV plan

From Harry Debelius
Madrid

Señor José Maria Calviño, the former director general of RTVE, the Spanish state radio and television networks, and other former Spanish television executives have formed a company in London to transmit 24-hour television programmes in Spanish by satellite for Spain, the new company said yesterday.

The company, known as Channel 10, is expected to begin transmitting next January, and is believed to have booked space on the Intelsat satellite.

Most of the capital for the venture is Spanish, although CTL (Luxembourg Television Company), Canal Plus of France, and the Andorran Social Security Savings Bank are part owners.

Other principal owners of Channel 10 are Oris Film, which is wholly-owned by Señor Enrique Talarewitz, a Spanish businessman; the Spanish Caja de Ahorros de Vitoria (savings bank); Noara, an investment company with Basque capital, and H Capital, a company wholly-owned by Señor Jacques Hachuel, a Spanish businessman.

The concept of Channel 10 is "a fusion between the French Canal Plus and the British Sky Channel. Channel 10 is modelled on the former in commercial terms, and on the latter in technical terms," said Señor Enrique Vázquez, the communications director of the new company. He is the former director of international operations for Spanish radio and television.

The company will offer a subscription television service with no advertising spots included in the broadcasts. The company's Spanish affiliate, Film Success, will instal parabolic antennas with decoding devices to receive Channel 10's scrambled transmissions, or it will equip existing aerials with decoders. Thereafter, subscribers will pay a monthly fee for the service.

A spokesman for the Prime Minister's office, when questioned about the legality of the operation, said that it is not illegal as long as transmissions originate abroad.

Staff departures hit Willis after Wrightson merger

By Alison Eadie

The merger between Willis Faber and Stewart Wrightson, the Lloyd's brokers, continues to suffer from staff fall-out.

Willis yesterday announced that the minority shareholders of Stewart Wrightson North American Development, a division of Wrightson, were leaving at the end of November, having exercised their option to sell their shares back to Wrightson.

The shareholders include three senior brokers, Mr Tony Fell, Mr Nigel Chamberlain and Mr Graham Addiscott, who joined Wrightson a year ago from CE Heath, the troubled Lloyd's broker. The entire North American Development division of 20 people, including support staff, will be leaving.

Mr Peter Stevens, head of corporate affairs at Willis, said yesterday that no money would be changing hands because the division was so new and because the shareholders were being allowed to exercise their option well ahead of the 1991 agreed date for selling the shares back to Wrightson. He described the departures as "disappointing."

The possible loss of business, if the departing executives take their accounts with them, is estimated at under £10 million annual brokerage. Willis will be working hard to try and keep the business.

There is speculation that Rollins Burdick Hunter, the American insurance company which did a great deal of business through Wrightson's North American team, could set up the departing executives in a London operation.

In the past two weeks two other former Wrightson executives have resigned from the aviation division, where Wrightson was market leader.

Their departures follow the resignation in September of Mr Alan Colls, the Wrightson director and an aviation expert who was to have joined the Willis board, and the failure by Willis to buy Nicholson Stewart Wrightson, Wrightson's 51 per cent-owned aviation reinsurance subsidiary. Three other Wrightson directors and the company secretary also resigned in September.

The merger of Willis and Wrightson has proved much bloodier than expected. Willis pointed out yesterday that the two companies had successfully integrated their British retail, reinsurance, marine and oil and gas divisions and that new business was being won in these areas as a direct consequence of the merger.

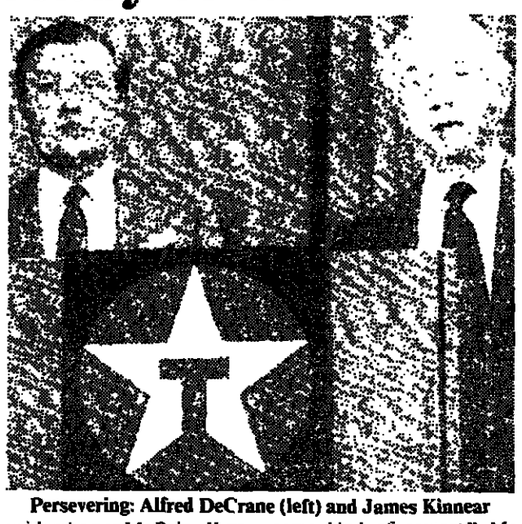
Willis shares fell 44p to a low at 200p yesterday morning compared with a high this year of 470p. Insurance brokers have seen their shares fall heavily in recent days because of their high exposure to the plummeting dollar.

Texaco ready to talk with Pennzoil

New York (Reuter) – Mr James Kinnear, president and chief executive officer of Texaco, said that his company is ready to open negotiations with Pennzoil after Texaco's failure to reverse a $10.3 billion (£5.9 billion) court penalty against it.

The decision by the Texas Supreme Court on Monday not to review a judgment against Texaco for illegally interfering with Pennzoil's 1984 takeover of Getty Oil leaves only the US Supreme Court as an avenue of appeal.

Mr Kinnear would not say during a news conference in New York on Tuesday, at which Mr Alfred DeCrane Jr, the board chairman, was also present, whether the two companies were discussing a settlement and would not talk about the possible amount involved.



Persevering: Alfred DeCrane (left) and James Kinnear

Mr Hugh Liedtke, Pennzoil chairman, said at his own news conference in Houston that he was waiting for an overture from Texaco, but neither he nor Mr Baine Kerr, Pennzoil's chief negotiator, had been contacted.

"Under normal circumstances, the defeated party who wants to settle initiates some kind of contact," Mr Liedtke said.

"If he (Mr Kinnear) wants to call collect, we'll pay for it."

Pennzoil earlier this year rejected a settlement offer from Texaco of about $2 billion, Mr Liedtke added.

Earlier in New York, Moody's Investors Service said it had downgraded Texaco's $8.2 billion of debt because of the Texas Supreme Court's decision not to hear Texaco's appeal. The ratings of Texaco and units Texaco Capital Inc and Texaco Capital NV were cut.

Moody's said the Texas decision eliminated one more level of relief for Texaco in the litigation between the oil company and Pennzoil over Texaco's 1985 acquisiton of Getty Oil.

Moody's Investors said that the remaining level of recourse available to Texaco in the courts, unless Texaco files with the Texas Supreme Court to reconsider the decision, is the Supreme Court, where Texaco must confine its case to Federal issues.

Texaco and the two capital units filed for protection under Chapter 11 of the Federal bankruptcy code in April, Moody's noted.

West Africa oil exploration 'at lowest levels'

By David Young

Oil exploration drilling in West Africa has dropped to its lowest level for 10 years, report figures issued today by Gaffney, Cline & Associates, Britain's leading energy adviser.

The report adds, however, that the slump may have bottomed out as operators regain confidence in the oil price activity and resume exploration, albeit at a slow rate.

A recent licensing round in Gabon may help this process.

Mr Peter Gaffney said: "Although several small developments are at the planning stage, continuing doubts regarding future oil prices remain a deterrent to expensive developments.

"The usual lag between exploration drilling and development can therefore be expected to be more extended, but industry interest in the area promises well for the medium to long term."

'Think small for state buying'

By Derek Harris
Industrial Editor

The Government's purchasing officials should consider buying more goods and services from small businesses as a way of getting better value for money, Mr John Cope, the minister for small businesses, said in London yesterday.

Mr Cope promised a careful monitoring of the response of government departments to this strategy, aimed at giving small businesses equal opportunities of access to state contracting.

But he was sceptical about setting specific targets for the proportion of purchases to be made from small businesses by public departments either administratively or, as in the United States, by statute.

"I want to ensure that the doors of Whitehall are open to small businesses and that they know it. We want to make Whithall more user-friendly in this and in other ways," he said.

But he emphasized that when government purchasing officers were being asked to "think small businesses" it was actually to "think value for money" in a specialized way.

Some government departments had already taken useful initiatives in purchasing from small businesses. He hoped departments and purchasing officers would learn from each other.

Small companies cannot afford the cost of repeated tendering for contracts they do not win and are likely to be discouraged by overly bureaucratic procedures for approval, Mr Cope pointed out.

US fuses deal for Astra

Astra Holdings, the international defence and pyrotechnics group, yesterday announced that its American subsidiary, Accudyne Corporation, had secured a $750,000 (£431,034) contract to supply fuses for illuminating flares to the Utah division of Morton Thiokol.

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Brixton	Property	
2	P-E International	Electricals	
3	Audio Fidelity	Electricals	
4	Delta	Industrials A-D	
5	British Gas (aa)	Oil & Gas	
6	Dowding & Mills	Electricals	
7	Burton (aa)	Drapery,Stores	
8	Bett Bros	Building, Roads	
9	BAA (aa)	Industrials A-D	
10	Country & New	Property	
11	Apricot Computers	Electricals	
12	Relyon	Industrials L-R	
13	UEI	Electricals	
14	Trafalgar Hse (aa)	Industrials S-Z	
15	Tyne Tees TV	Cinemas, TV	
16	Guthrie	Industrials E-K	
17	Swire Pacific 'A'	Industrials S-Z	
18	Spirax-Sarco	Industrials S-Z	
19	Six Hundred	Industrials S-Z	
20	Carclo Eng	Industrials A-D	
21	Canles	Banks,Discount	
22	BTR (aa)	Industrials A-D	
23	CAP Group	Electricals	
24	Metal Closures	Industrials L-R	
25	RMC Gp (aa)	Building, Roads	
26	Next (aa)	Drapery,Stores	
27	Allied Colloids	Chemicals,Plas	
28	Anchor Chemical	Chemicals,Plas	
29	Catalyst	Paper,Print,Adv	
30	Douglas (RM)	Building, Roads	
31	Elys (Wimbledon)	Drapery,Stores	
32	Belhaven	Breweries	
33	Williams Hldgs	Industrials S-Z	
34	Westland	Motors,Aircraft	
35	Fmlan Gp	Building, Roads	
36	Dares Estates	Property	
37	Bailey (CH)	Industrials A-D	
38	Ossory Est	Property	
39	NEI	Electricals	
40	Falcon	Industrials E-K	
41	Wilson Bowden	Building, Roads	
42	Brunning	Paper,Print,Adv	
43	Woodside	Oil & Gas	
44	Crmth	Textiles	

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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

BRITISH FUNDS

1987 High	Low	Stock	Price	Chge	Int. only yld%	Gross Red. yld%
SHORTS (Under Five Years)						
99⅛	95⅛	Treas 7¾%	98⅛		7.9	8.557
102⅛	94⅛	Exch 10¼%	1988	100⅝	10.4	8.819
101⅜	96⅛	Treas 9¾%	1988	100⅜	9.7	8.857
97⅜	92⅝	Treas 3%	1978-88	97⅜	3.1	6.849
101⅜	94⅛	Treas 9¼%	1989	100⅞	9.4	8.893
105⅛	85⅛	Treas 11¾%	1989	102⅛	11.2	8.953
104⅜	98⅛	Treas 10½%	1989	102⅛	10.3	8.958
103⅜	96⅛	Exch 10%	1989	101⅝	9.8	8.964
106⅛	95⅛	Exch 11¾%	1989	103⅛	10.9	8.930
105⅛	95⅛	Exch 11¾%	1989	103⅛	10.9	8.930
105⅛	95⅛	Treas 9%	1986-89	94⅝	5.3	7.945
102⅛	93¾	Treas C9¼%	1989	100⅜	9.4	8.888
94⅞	88⅛	Treas 9%	1989	99⅜	9.2	8.880
111⅛	103⅛	Treas 12%	1989-92	107⅝	10.4	8.952
105⅛	95⅛	Exch 11¾%	1990	102⅝	10.6	8.957
110⅛	99⅛	Exch 12¼%	1990	105⅝	11.1	8.941
132⅛	111⅛	Treas 12¾%	2000-03	123¼	8.6	8.401
96⅛	79⅛	Treas 9%	2006	95⅛	9.2	8.870
113⅛	93⅛	Treas 11¾%	2003-07	105⅛	10.3	8.958
128⅛	108⅛	Treas 13¾%	2003-07	124⅛	10.3	8.958
99⅛	85⅛	Treas 9½%	2004-08	94⅛	9.2	8.915
102⅛	92⅛	Treas 10½%	2003-07	101⅛	10.3	8.965
104⅛	88⅛	Treas 9%	2008	99⅛	9.0	8.963
94⅛	80⅛	Treas 8%	2009	90⅛	8.8	8.880
89⅛	76⅛	Conv 9%	2011	89⅛	8.9	8.734
85⅛	68⅛	Treas 5½%	2008-12	80⅛	6.8	8.057
92⅛	76⅛	Treas 7¾%	2012-15	87⅛	8.9	8.891
134⅛	116⅛	Exch 12%	2013-17	128⅛	9.3	8.957
OVER FIFTEEN YEARS						
103⅛	86⅛	Exch 10%	2002	98⅛	9.2	8.198
110⅛	93⅛	Conv 12%	2003	105⅛	9.5	8.228
125⅛	107⅛	Exch 13¾%	1998-02	116⅛	10.5	8.452
109	93⅛	Treas 9¼%	2004	103⅛	9.0	8.941
111⅛	94⅛	Treas 10%	2003	106⅛	9.4	8.963
139⅛	119⅛	Treas 15%	2001-04	115⅛	10.8	8.572
121⅛	105⅛	Treas 11¾%	2001-04	115⅛	10.2	8.964
111⅛	94⅛	Treas 10%	2004	106⅛	9.4	8.963
59⅛	51⅛	Fund 3½%	1999-04	57⅛	3.1	6.139
107⅛	91¼	Conv 9½%	2004	102⅛	9.3	9.165
107⅛	90⅛	Conv 9½%	2005	101⅛	9.3	9.165
116⅛	99⅛	Exch 10¾%	2005	113⅛	9.4	9.174
132⅛	111⅛	Treas 12¾%	2000-05	123⅛	9.9	9.236
96⅛	79⅛	Treas 9%	2006	95⅛	9.2	8.870
113⅛	93⅛	Treas 11¾%	2003-07	105⅛	10.3	8.958
128⅛	108⅛	Treas 13¾%	2003-07	124⅛	10.3	8.958
99⅛	85⅛	Treas 9½%	2007-09	94⅛	9.2	8.915
102⅛	92⅛	Treas 10½%	2003-07	101⅛	10.3	8.965
104⅛	88⅛	Treas 9%	2008	99⅛	9.0	8.963
94⅛	80⅛	Treas 8%	2009	90⅛	8.8	8.880
89⅛	76⅛	Conv 9%	2011	89⅛	8.9	8.734
85⅛	68⅛	Treas 5½%	2008-12	80⅛	6.8	8.057
92⅛	76⅛	Treas 7¾%	2012-15	87⅛	8.9	8.891
134⅛	116⅛	Exch 12%	2013-17	128⅛	9.3	8.957
UNDATED						
45⅞	38⅛	Consols 4%		44⅛	9.1	
41	34⅛	War Ln 3½%		40⅛	8.7	
52	48	Conv 5%		51⅛	9.8	
34⅛	28⅛	Treas 3%		33⅛	9.0	
29⅞	24⅝	Consols 2½%		28⅞	8.6	
28⅛	24⅛	Treas 2½%				
INDEX-LINKED						
132⅛	124⅛	Treas IL 2%	1988	132⅛	2.9	3.184
117⅛	108⅛	Treas IL 2%	1990	117⅛	2.1	2.920
99⅛	93⅝	Treas IL 2%	1996	98⅛	2.1	2.207
128⅛	117⅛	Treas IL 2%	1998	124⅛	3.2	3.771
131⅛	99⅛	Treas IL2½%	2001	103⅛	3.2	4.092
129⅜	94⅛	Treas IL 2½%	2003	100⅛	3.2	4.131
113	94⅛	Treas IL 2%	2006	105⅛	3.4	4.170
127⅛	88⅛	Treas IL2½%	2008	95⅛	3.4	4.078
113⅛	93⅛	Treas IL2½%	2011	98⅛	3.5	4.095
95⅛	76⅛	Treas IL2½%	2013	82⅛	3.5	3.956
103⅛	83⅝	Treas IL2½%	2016	89⅛	3.5	3.951
101⅜	81⅛	Treas IL2½%	2020	87⅛	3.5	3.761
86⅝	68⅛	Treas IL2½%	2024	74⅛	3.5	

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Chge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

773	185	Allied Irish	175	185	-10	9.0	4.9	6.3
109	83	Anglocher (Henry)	81	85	r -5	2.7e	3.3	24.4
259	140	Ats New Z	137	142	-10	..	..	..
12½	4¾	Baksamerica	5½		+⅛	..	..	..
246	175	Bank of Ireland	190	196	-5	17.0	9.2	..
15	11½	Bank Leumi Israel	14	16	..	170	4.9	11.2
350	240	Bank Leumi UK	340	360	..	20.4	4.7	8.1
544	355	Bank Of Scotland	480	486	● 2	32	4.7	13.2
66	66	Bank Of Wales	65	75	● -5	30.1	7.1	4.6
655	413	Barclays (aa)	425	435	● -7	27	4.5	20.6
94	45	Benchmark	45	45	..	2.0	4.4	22.5
693	510	Brown Shipley	520	530	-10	27.8	8.0	11.9
115	75	Bs Mortgage	75	80	..	3.1	6.0	12.8
481	290	Cater Allen	450	460	-5	19.5	6.5	..
75½	44	Canles	54	56	● -1	2.6	6.5	9.8
29½	15½	Chase Maenatan	29	29½	● -½	2.0	6.8	23.9
51	11½	Concorp	19	20	● -7	6.0	0.1	..
253	133	Cyprus Bnks	190		..	..	..	..
111⅝	77	Czarnikow-Rionda	77		..	..	..	..
298½	162½	Deutsche Bank	162½	163	-5	7.4	4.2	12.8
80	21	Equity & Gen	30	35	-5	8.8	4.9	8.4
259	173	First Nat Finance	195	205	● -5	23.3	7.5	8.5
418	298	Gerrard Nat	385	395	-5	32.3	8.5	14.4
124	85	Guinness Peat	85	87	-2	3.9	4.5	22.0
388	235	Hambros	380	390	● -5	20.5	5.3	12.0
808	368	Hill Samuel	780	790	..	46.7	5.9	7.0
87	47	Hk Shanghai	47	48	..	1.7	3.5	8.6
623	230	Joseph (Leopold)	450	475	-5	12.0	2.5	8.6
1134	734	King & Shaxson	1080	1095	r -15	49.2	4.5	4.2
628	375	Kleinwort Benson	620	630	-10	17.0	2.8	4.3
435	218	Lloyds (aa)	388	391	-1	4.4	4.6	4.2
111	75	Lon Scot	90	100	-1	27.6	8.5	8.6
868	368	Mackrell (aa)	360	365	-17	14.9	5.8	..
555	235	Morgan Grenfell	535	545	..	..	..	..
265	149	Nat Aust Bk	260	265	-13	29.5	5.6	5.4
780	585	Nat West (aa)	780	785	-10	60.0	3.5	7.5
420	125	Ottoway	280	290	..	..	..	..

BREWERIES

471	308	Ahed Lyons (aa)	317	323	-8	15.6	4.9	9.5
10½	7½	Bass (aa)	765	770	-25	24.1	3.1	15.1
77	40	Belhaven	40	43	-2	1.0	2.4	15.1
233	124	Boddington	140	142	-7	5.1	3.6	16.5
796	537	Brown (Matthew)	600	615	-32	19.2b	3.2	21.2
248	131	Buckleys	145	150	-5	4.4	3.0	19.4
199	141	Bulmer (H P)	143	150	-5	7.6	5.4	10.4
196	157	Burtonwood Brew	153	160	-5	4.8	3.5	20.4
355	246	Clark (Matthew)	260	270	-10	12.3	3.8	15.6
301	202	Dawson (JA)	260	270	-20	4.6	1.5	32.6
379½	259	Greenall Wadley	350	355	-5	17.8	5.1	8.2
383	258	Greene King	447	455	-7	8.9	2.0	23.2
10½	7½	Guinness (aa)	240	245	-4	12.6b	5.2	8.7
795	473	Hoskyns & Hansons	715	725	-5	39.4	5.5	15.9
97	68	Highland Dist	73	78	-3	3.4	4.5	11.9
233	136	Invergordon Dist	168	177	-2	7.5	4.3	11.3
181	145	Irish Dist	170	180	..	8.0	5.3	..
154	113	Matthew Thompson	140	150	-3	9.5	5.7	10.8
603	345	Maotland	470	485	-7	9.9	2.1	23.3
450	298	SA Breweries	395	397	..	..	..	..
270	178	Scot & Nwe (aa)	260	268	-10	10.9	5.3	11.5
588	466	Vaux	466	488	-15	18.6	3.8	17.1
386	267	Whitbread 'A' (aa)	283	288	-9	13.2	4.6	11.1
408	246	Do 'B'	395	398	..	13.5	3.2	15.8
374	210	Wolverhead Inv	280	290	-5	17.3	4.2	20.4
477	277½	Wolverhampton & D	343	347	-13	7.0	2.0	19.4
477	274	Young 'A'	400	420	-5	11.8	2.8	23.9

BUILDING, ROADS

540	328	Abbey	370	390	● -15	..	..	..
355	222	Ashtead Constr	270	280	..	12.1	3.7	25.8
149	98	Amec	270	272	-2	16.8	6.2	10.2
69½	28	Anglo Utd	61	63	-3	1.4	2.7	26.3
152	58	Armpilla	80	100	..	3.8	4.0	21.0
402	190	Atkinson	190	200	-2	9.2	4.6	11.0
442½	239	BPB Ind (aa)	256	258	-11	8.6	3.3	11.1
390	97	Bargenridge Brick	190	200	-30	2.7	1.4	26.4
94	31	Blankey (Geo) Constr	50	54	-2	1.6	3.1	18.4
352	144	Barratt Devs	150	159	● -10	12.2	8.0	10.0
397	160	Bellway	262	265	-10	10.3	5.0	10.6
365	93	Bellenden	80	85	● -20	4.4	5.3	7.5
154	104	Bentley Ga	225		● -30	4.4	1.9	51.3
168	65	Bett Bros	83	95	-5	4.4	5.3	8.6
625	137	Blackwy	329	375	-75	7.4	2.1	29.2
574	369	Blue Circle (aa)	513	517	-26	18.5	3.9	8.5
475	165	Bovis Hldgs	180	210	-5	6.6	4.1	..
253	86	Br Dredging	154	163	● -9	6.6	4.3	28.9
81	14½	Brown & Jackson	49	51	-3	..	..	..
148	79	Bryant	99	101	-7	3.8	3.8	11.8
19½	10½	Burnell & Hallam	14½	15½	-½	..	..	1.8
202	125	Clfd	120	130	-15	..	..	..
177	80	Cakebread Robey	95	105	-12	5.2	5.2	12.5
373	178	Caradon	220	226	-15	8.2	3.7	13.6
183	93	Church Charles	93	100	-15	5.8	5.8	10.3
278	150	Crouder Grp	195	205	-5	6.2	3.1	22.6
395	85	Costain	210	215	-37	24.1	7.7	76.5
387	198	Costain	210	213	+6	12.2	5.7	7.7
149	125	Countryside	135	145	-11	6.1	4.2	13.4
292	154	Crest Nicholson	192	197	-4	7.5b	4.8	10.8
118	75	Crosby James	70	80	-10	2.4	3.2	..
281	129	Douglas (RM)	253	258	-2	11.6	7.8	17.9
268	118	Elec	265	270	-5	9.5	3.5	20.6
310	118	Federated Hsg	192	195	-11	6.0	3.1	24.6
182	88	Fmlan Gp	95	105	-5	5.5	5.5	15.1
189½	92	Galiford	147	148	-2½	7.3	4.9	16.5
118	68	Gibbs & Dandy Ord	68	73	-5	4.4	6.0	10.5
349	240	Gleeson (MJ)	425	445	-20	8.4	1.9	50.6
235	162	Harrison Ind	260	270	-5	7.9	3.0	18.3
363	172	Henderson	295	303	● -8	17.8	5.9	27.5
151	74	Henden-Stuart	91	94	● -5	3.1	3.3	14.1
285	222	Heywood Williams	250	258	r -19	13.0b	5.1	14.2
436	270	Higgs & Hill	270	280	● -19	10.6	3.9	13.1
168	97	Howard Hldgs	158	163	-5	1.7	2.6	13.1
259	70	Hunick Jackson	115	118	● -12	2.6	2.2	12.1
10½	7½	Jarvis (J) & Sons	700	800	-50	20.0	2.5	29.6
414	233	Lang (J)	230	235	-10	8.2	3.5	7.9
414	233	Do 'A'	230	235	-10	8.2	3.5	7.9
194	88	Laurence (Walter)	90	95	-5	5.8	6.4	8.9
77½	41½	Lilley (FJG)	45	46	-1½	..	..	..
314	192	Lovell (YJ)	215	220	-7	6.0	2.8	14.3
406	170	Magnet (aa)	175	178	-5	6.0	3.4	11.3
413	322	Meikles	317	327	-2	14.3	4.4	17.1
195	113	Mowlem	175	180	-15	8.0	4.4	10.9
368	188	Marshalls (Halifax)	273	278	-5	8.6	3.1	18.5
341	193	Maunders (J)	252	258	-7	7.8	3.1	13.6
577	365	McAlpine (Alfred)	460	470	-38	20.4	5.0	9.3
520	303	McKay S S	472	480	-10	4.7	1.0	34.4
485	288	Meyer Int	335	337	-10	9.6	2.9	11.0
171	38	Miller (Stanley)	65	75	-5	1.7	2.4	49.0
541	305	Mowlem (John)	320	328	● -9	22.3	6.9	9.5
125½	79½	Newarthill	96	103	-4	10	0.6	..
248½	159	Newman Tonks	165	175	-10	10.1	5.9	14.5
185	83	Persimmon	165	168	-5	13.6	8.2	8.4
158	86	Phoenix Timber	98	108	-5	2.1	2.0	23.3
600	370	Pochin	580	590	● -5	27.2	4.6	21.2
574	341	RMC Gp (aa)	465	470	-10	13.4	2.9	13.4
167	73½	Rank Ind	86	88	● -4	1.8	2.2	16.4
381	261	Redland (aa)	368	370	-10	17.8	4.8	10.4
205	97	Redmond	97	107	-24	4.8	4.7	9.2
212	173	Ready Group	208	212	-2	10.5	5.0	9.8
316	183	Sandell Perkins	183	202	-35	5.9	3.0	12.9
260	135	Sharpe & Fisher	170	180	-15	4.5	2.5	17.3
118	75	Smart (J)	110	115	-5	2.2	2.0	11.5
288	188	Stanley	195	205	-7	14.9	5.8	8.6
416	260	Tarmac (aa)	395	397	● -5	11.3	4.0	13.5
346	267	Taylor Woodrow	310	316	-14	13.4	4.3	10.3
407	267	Tilbury Group	267	277	-10	8.7	4.4	12.4
588	387	Trans & Arnold	387	397	-10	9.6	2.4	17.0
232	98	Trent	173	177	-30	1.6	1.0	24.8
373	286	Tumill	286	288	-12	13.5b	5.2	21.6
615	386	Wilmington	580	588	-10	18.2	2.9	18.9
174	79	Ward Group	79	84	-3	3.5	4.2	13.2
171	79	Warrington	110	120	-10	..	..	13.2
393	231	Watson Hldgs	231	235	● -4	7.8	3.3	14.9
315	145	Wates Build	145	155	-10	6.8	4.4	12.5
388	269	Wilson Bowden	330	335	● -5	4.7	1.4	35.0
445	242	Wilson (Connolly)	260	265	-5	4.1	1.5	14.7
304	183	Wimpey (George)	185	190	-1	7.9	4.7	9.5
199	108	Yrkl	103	113	-9	..	..	11.5

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

173	105	Allied Colloids	110	113	-2	2.8	2.3	15.4
646	369	Associated	360	370	-2	11.2	3.1	14.9
259	223	Anchor Chemical	225	245	● -5	8.6	2.0	17.6
139	139	BTP	115	125	-13	7.5	6.3	12.9
126½	98½	Bayer DM50	98½		● -½	7.0	7.1	..
155	110	Biagnes	135	140	-5	10.1	7.3	13.9
331	188	Brent Chems	310	316	● -6	6.4b	2.0	11.5
313	178	Cuneng (W)	192	196	● -15	9.6	3.6	14.7
486	278	Croda	352	360	-10	11.4	3.2	13.8
231	138	Crosfield	138	140	-17	8.5	6.2	19.8
417	111	Do 'A'	137	140	-12	8.5	6.2	15.5
48	20	Cory (Horace)	24	26	● -1	1.6	6.0	29.8
272	172	Croda	265	270	-10	11.5	6.1	15.4
263	154	Do Dfd	170	173	-4	..	..	15.4
355	147	Ellis & Everard	168	173	-11	6.4	3.7	12.4
338	188	Evode	338	345	-11	8.1	4.3	11.8
233	168	Fenner (Messrs)	168	175	-10	8.4	4.8	11.2
247	147	Fisher (Thomas)	247	257	● -10	9.9	3.8	11.2
330	106	Hickson	135	147	-11	8.4	4.5	..
116	72½	Hoechst DM50	81½		-¾	..	..	..
169	168	Imp Chem Ind (aa)	1070	1074	● -10	92.1	5.1	10.7
567	361	Laporte (aa)	365	370	● -10	14.9	4.0	12.1
240	111	Leigh	151	159	-14	5.7	3.7	21.5
24½	13	Morris Hydro	15		-½	..	..	..
250	148	Pilcu	150	155	-10	6.2	4.1	18.5
270	148	Rentokil Hldgs	270	280	..	5.8	2.0	26.2
292	140	Rexnold	154	163	● -2	4.1	2.5	16.5
198	54	Sutcliffe Speakman	87	97	-10	..	..	15.8
495	258	Wolverhampton Rbr	265	285	..	14.0	4.7	10.7
361	163	Yorkshire Chem	220	230	-5	7.5	3.3	14.0
165	61½	Yuk Carlo	93	103	-5	4.1b	4.2	14.1

CINEMAS, TV

549	282	Anglia TV 'A'	340	350	-15	18.4	4.6	9.2
695	370	Central TV	505	515	● -15	34.7	4.8	12.8
132½	47	Grampian	48	52	-1	3.4	6.5	10.2
362	268	HTV 'A'	357	365	-4	13.4	4.9	12.0
30½	24½	LWT Hldgs	748	775	-41	39.0	5.1	9.4
510	240	Scot TV	365	368	● -16	21.2	5.6	7.5
154	113	TVS	265	268	● -15	12.1	4.5	12.5
101	38	TSW	65	73	● -11	3.7	5.4	13.7
540	286	Thames TV	340	350	-10	16.4	3.4	9.1
458	210	TV-AM	240	250	● -13	8.7	3.7	10.0
407	267	Trans Tees-TV	267	270	-10	30.8	6.7	9.0
178	78	Ucclos TV	84	93	-3	5.1	5.7	7.3
403	164	Yorkshire TV	160	178	-19	9.6	5.7	9.2

DRAPERY, STORES

463	111	Alexon	260	270	-5	8.2	3.1	11.7
138	44	Amber Day	50	55	-7	..	..	..
164	88	Angusbourn 'A'	70	78	-8	3.4	4.9	17.0
213½	106	Ashley (Laura)	110	113	-3	3.2	2.9	17.0
238	94	Bentile (James) 'A'	113	113	-3	4.7	3.5	14.8
206	136	Bhs	200	204	-4	3.7	2.8	29.4
53	36	Blacks Leis	36	38	-1	..	..	..
870	368	Body Shop	830	850	-20	2.9	0.4	69.3
334	86	Bremner	73	78	-8	4.1	5.4	36.7
488	288	Brown (N)	288	298	● -4	11.5	3.9	24.5
238	98	Burton (aa)	98	100	-2	4.1	4.1	24.1
218	94	Clarks 'A'	94	96	-2	3.5	3.7	17.5
167	73½	Clarks (J)	86	88	● -4	1.8	2.2	16.4
205	97	Dalgety	97	98	-4	4.8	4.9	10.4
207	67	Dawson Int	67	70	-2	2.1	3.0	16.7
1½	1	Do 'A'	1	1½	..	..	..	..
1½	1	Do 'B'	1	1½	..	..	..	..
1½	1	Do 'C'	1	1½	..	..	..	..
1½	1	Do 'D'	1	1½	..	..	..	..
1½	1	Do 'E'	1	1½	..	..	..	..
1½	1	Do 'F'	1	1½	..	..	..	..
1½	1	Do 'G'	1	1½	..	..	..	..
1½	1	Do 'H'	1	1½	..	..	..	..
1½	1	Do 'I'	1	1½	..	..	..	..
1½	1	Do 'J'	1	1½	..	..	..	..
1½	1	Do 'K'	1	1½	..	..	..	..
1½	1	Do 'L'	1	1½	..	..	..	..
1½	1	Do 'M'	1	1½	..	..	..	..
1½	1	Do 'N'	1	1½	..	..	..	..
1½	1	Do 'O'	1	1½	..	..	..	..
1½	1	Do 'P'	1	1½	..	..	..	..
1½	1	Do 'Q'	1	1½	..	..	..	..
1½	1	Do 'R'	1	1½	..	..	..	..
1½	1

THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL				
0345 717373 (Lindiine)				
Gilt & Fixed	114.3	122.9	+0.2	9.76
Hi Inc Equity	107.7	115.6e	-0.9	4.75
Worldwide Eq	184.9	197.0e	+0.5	4.92
American Gth	129.1	138.8	+0.6	1.29
Asian Pacific	59.4	63.8	+0.2	2.41
Assets & Earns	132.6	142.5e	-1.3	1.42
Capital Rec	73.5	79.0	+0.1	1.33
Comm Energy	105.5	113.5	+0.2	
Euro Capital	70.7	76.0	+0.2	0.99
General	139.4	149.8	+0.6	3.00
Japan	77.8	83.6e	+0.4	
UK Gth Inc	125.2	134.6e	+0.2	1.28
Do Acc	153.7	197.5e	-1.7	1.42
US Emerg Co	39.9	37.9e	+0.6	0.86
Income Gth	267.7	287.7e	+2.5	3.15
Master Acc	68.7	73.8	+0.5	2.94
American Inc	39.5	41.8	+0.1	6.27
Emcal Tst	39.3	41.1	+0.6	3.04
AETNA UNIT TRUSTS				
401, St. John Street London EC1V 4QE				
01-837 8494				
Euro Gth Acc	108.1	115.1	+0.5	1.60
Exempt	351.6	374.0e	-9.4	5.16
For Eastern	180.7	194.2e	-0.6	0.10
Fin & Prop	79.5	83.2	+0.3	1.92
Hi Yield	67.2	71.2e	-0.6	4.84
Income & Gth	281.3	298.0e	-4.5	4.15
Int Earnings	168.5	179.3e	-3.9	2.37
Japan Gwth Inc	84.3	89.7e	+0.2	0.43
Japan Gth Acc	128.0	137.5	+0.2	0.26
N Amer Gth Inc	113.1	121.0	+0.5	0.57
Professional	121.2	128.4e		3.78
Smi Co Dw Inc	89.6	94.9	-0.8	3.88
Smi Co Gth	311.2	329.7	-3.6	1.29
Spec Sits Inc	132.0	139.8	-2.5	0.93
UK Growth	324.4	347.3e	-6.9	2.74
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS				
Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL				
0793 28291 dealing 0793 613269				
High Income	176.0	187.0	-7.5	4.95
Equity Inc	169.0	188.5	-3.8	4.60
High Yield	160.0	169.8e	-4.7	5.21
Balanced	382.5	405.4	-12.6	3.57
Amer & Gen	99.0	105.4	+0.5	0.21
World Ass Val	33.4	34.9	+0.7	0.96
Japan	122.6	130.6	+3.3	0.01
Spc of Amer	179.4	191.1	+6.5	0.79
Asset Value	254.5	271.0	-7.9	3.12
O'seas Earn	189.5	200.9	-4.1	2.76
Recovery	92.6	98.2e	-2.3	2.61
UK Spec Sit	241.1	255.7	-6.8	3.15
Smlr Co	175.2	185.7	-0.6	1.39
Capital	227.1	240.7e	-7.8	2.83
Amer Spec Sit	53.5	57.0e	+2.4	1.23
International	86.0	93.7	+1.8	1.22
BALTIC TRUST MANAGERS				
28, Church Street, London EC1				
01-374 6901				
American	38.8	42.4	+1.0	2.16
Australian	17.5	18.5	+0.8	1.90
Japan & Gen	140.2	149.2	+1.5	0.63
High Income	84.5	89.5	+0.4	9.49
International	89.8	94.8	+0.7	0.57
Income Growth	92.7	84.5	+0.6	4.63
Gilt/Fixed Int	21.8	23.0e	+0.1	10.47
Smlr Co	35.5	37.6	-1.2	5.14
Spec Sit	50.2	54.1e	-0.5	1.38
BARCLAYS UNICORN				
Unicorn House 252, Romford Rd E7				
01-534 5544				
Capital	71.9	75.4	-1.8	2.81
Euro Gth Inc	58.7	63.5		1.41
Extra Income	88.7	94.3e	-1.2	4.70
General	152.6	162.3e	-1.9	3.06
Gilt & Fixed Int	54.0	56.8	+0.1	9.65
Income	92.1	97.9	-0.3	4.21
Smlr Co Inc	41.2	43.8	-0.4	0.73
BARING FUND MANAGERS				
PO Box 158, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XO				
01-658 9002				
Australia	63.7	68.9e	-1.7	0.00
Eastern	81.6	86.8	-0.9	0.00
Equity Inc	80.6	86.0e	-1.4	4.19
Europe	115.4	123.3	+0.8	0.30
Exempt Tst	58.4	62.7	-1.4	3.00
Growth & Inc	69.8	73.6	-1.2	1.90
Global Gth	61.6	67.4	-0.9	1.50
Japan Spec	120.0	128.8		0.10
Japan Sm	121.6	130.9e	+0.1	0.00
First Europe	103.3	110.6	+0.6	0.20
First Japan	87.0	93.5e	+0.6	0.20
First N Amer	38.2	41.5	-0.2	1.10
First Smlr Co	88.7	98.7e	-0.7	1.80
N Amer Spec	37.4	40.7	+1.0	0.30
BROWN SHIPLEY				
9-17, Pennycuickel Rd, Haywards Heath				
0444 458744				
Financial	155.1	165.0	-13.6	[illegible]
Smlr Co Acc	327.9	348.7e	-33.0	0.72
Do Inc	297.9	316.8e	-30.0	0.72
High Income	72.9	77.6e	-6.0	5.23
Income	84.4	89.8e	-5.9	4.22
Main Portf Inc	78.0	83.0	-1.5	1.12
Do Acc	132.6	140.7	-12.8	0.50
Nth American	45.7	48.6	-1.6	0.50
Orient	79.1	84.2e	-2.4	0.23
Exempt	241.1	256.5e	-12.2	2.12
Recovery	59.8	63.2	-1.6	1.24
German	95.5	27.1e	-0.4	0.79
Int Recov	21.9	23.3		0.24
Europe	16.4	17.5e	-0.5	1.42
BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT				
The Stock Exchange London EC2P 2JT				
01-588 2868 01 626 2348				
Fellowship Inc	116.0	123.4	-0.3	1.26
General Inc 4	233.6	243.5		2.90
Do Acc 4	378.7	394.4		2.90
Income Fd 3	116.6	122.6e		4.68
Do Acc 3	215.7	226.7		4.68
Int Inc 2	103.9	109.5	+2.7	0.60
Do Acc 2	139.1	146.4	+3.6	0.60
Smlr Inc 5	92.6	96.3		1.70
Do Acc	97.5	102.6		1.70
CANNON FUND MANAGERS				
1, Olympic Way, Wembley Middx HA9 0NB				
01-902 8876				
Growth	29.7	31.8e	-0.4	2.89
Income	37.7	40.4e	-0.9	4.94
Far East	23.3	24.9e	+0.5	0.28
Nth American	25.0	26.7e		0.84
Global	40.7	43.6	-0.1	0.87
European	40.1	42.9	-0.2	1.25
Japan	69.0	73.8e	+1.6	0.01
CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT				
PO Box 551 Bevis Marks London EC3 7JQ				
01-621 0011				
Capital	361.2	384.3e	-11.2	1.80
Income	316.6	339.0e	15.6	4.73
Nth Amer	217.4	231.3	+2.5	2.08
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND				
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ				
01-588 1815				
Investment	561.45			3.57
Fixed Int	139.8	•		10.23
Deposit	100.0			9.37
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND				
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ				
01-588 1815				

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Income	697.87	•		3.95
Acc	£16.8068			
Deposit	100.0			9.55
CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MNGRS				
72/76,Basinghall St, London EC2V 5DP				
01-606 6622				
S/C Spec Sit	69.2	66.9		0.58
CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH				
0800 373383				
Amer Gth	17.6	18.8	-0.3	0.00
Atlas Gth	20.5	21.9	-0.3	0.00
Dragon Gth	18.6	19.8	-0.1	0.00
Equity Hi Inc	51.6	55.2	-0.9	4.80
European Gth	24.3	25.9e	-0.2	0.46
Gen Equity	45.6	48.6	-1.0	2.00
G/F Interst Gth	32.3	34.0		6.10
Gth & Fixed Inc	34.7	36.1e	+0.1	9.80
Int Income Tst	22.2	23.7e		5.30
Japan Gth	37.9	40.4	-0.1	0.00
Pedgree Gth	29.8	29.8	-0.6	2.00
Special Sits	34.6	36.8	-0.8	0.80
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS				
St Helen's, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ				
01-283 7500 Dealing 01-886 9818				
UK & Gen Inc	90.4	96.2	-1.2	2.15
Do Acc	93.4	99.4	-1.2	2.15
Worldwide Inc	41.9	44.6	-0.5	1.13
Do Acc	42.0	44.9	-0.5	1.13
Gamma Inc	35.4	37.7	-0.9	0.89
Do Acc	35.4	37.7	-0.9	0.89
Far East				
Amer Gth				
Euro Gth				
CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES LTD				
Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW				
04822 5033				
Amer Tst	111.4	120.4	+0.7	0.83
Canadian Gth	18.2	19.7	-0.3	1.50
European Tst	100.0	108.1	-1.1	
Growth Tst	238.0	254.1	-7.0	3.36
High Income	215.8	229.3e	-7.5	5.45
Int Tech Tst	102.4	110.7	-1.9	
Japanese Tst	153.7	166.5	+0.5	
CRUSADER UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Reigate, Surrey RH2 8BL				
0737 242424				
European Gth	47.3	50.9e	+1.6	1.20
Euro Spec Sits	35.8	40.1	+1.0	1.30
International	37.9	41.2	+0.1	3.50
N Amer Gth	35.2	38.3	-0.5	1.00
Pacific Gth	48.6	52.3e	+0.2	0.40
UK Gth Acc	61.9	67.3e	-2.9	0.56
Do Dist	60.4	65.7e	-2.9	0.56
UK Income	52.3	56.3e	-1.2	4.80
EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh EH3 7JA				
031-225 3482				
Amer Gth	54.2	58.2e	+0.1	1.72
Capital Fd	116.7	126.5	-3.1	1.32
Eurofund	22.6	24.1	+0.2	2.07
Growth & Inc	155.7	169.1	-2.2	3.99
High Distr Fd	136.3	152.0e	-2.1	4.77
International	177.0	189.9	+0.8	1.18
Pacific Fd	16.2	18.5		0.00
Resources Fd	29.3	31.4	+0.1	0.00
Smlr Jap Co	33.4	37.6		0.41
Tokyo Fd	166.7	179.9e	+0.4	0.00
Eu Amer 2	114.5	117.7e	-17.4	2.51
Eu Japan 3	110.7	118.6		0.27
Eu Pacific 4	43.4	44.7		0.21
Eu Smlr Jap 4	244.7	251.4e		0.10
EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ				
0242 221311				
UK Balanced Inc	76.0	80.6	+1.6	2.72
Do Acc	78.5	83.3	-1.9	2.63
Uk Gth Acc	112.0	118.8	-2.8	1.80
UK High Inc	89.5	95.0e	-1.8	4.65
N Amer Gth	33.1	35.1	+0.1	0.76
Far East Acc	100.7	107.4		0.26
European Acc	69.8	74.5	-0.2	1.26
Int Income Tst	72.2	77.0		3.30
Japan Gth	32.9	35.1e	+0.1	0.00
Int Spec Sits	37.1	39.6	-0.2	1.59
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
Atlantic Centre Hexagon House Rowland				
RH1 3LB				
0708 88965				
Endurance	104.5	111.2e		1.19
EQUITABLE UNITS ADMINISTRATION				
Wallen Street Aylesbury, HP21 7QW				
0296 437-460				
Equity Pension	83.0	88.3e		3.17
High Income	89.4	95.2e		4.44
Gil/Fxd Interst	52.9	56.3		7.73
Tst Of Inv Tsts	78.6	83.7		3.58
Spec Sits Tst	92.7	98.7		2.26
Nth Amer Tst	45.0	52.2		1.65
Far East Tst	81.5	86.8		0.36
Int Growth	46.8	49.8		1.43
European Tst	39.3	41.9		1.52
EQUITY & LAW				
St. George Hse Corporation St, Coventry				
CV1 1HQ				
0203 553231				
UK Gth Acc	161.2	171.4e	-6.1	3.52
Do Inc	133.3	143.9e	-5.1	3.52
Higher Inc Acc	294.5	313.3e	-11.2	4.88
Do Inc	243.9	240.3e	-8.3	4.88
Gilt/Fixed Acc	109.7	115.4	+0.1	8.12
Do Inc	85.2	89.6		8.12
N Amer Acc	105.5	112.2e	+4.5	2.21
Far East Acc	173.1	187.1e	+3.7	0.96
Euro Tst Acc	127.8	137.4e	-2.4	0.62
Gen Tst	238.2	253.4e	-6.7	3.67
Smlr Excel	36.7	39.2	-1.9	3.11
F & C UNIT MANAGEMENT				
1, Laurence Pountney Hill, London EC4R 0BA				
01-623 4680				
US Smlr Co	47.9	51.0e	-0.1	0.16
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Overseas Inc	56.5	60.2	-1.5	4.01
Financial Tst	57.3	61.0	-0.1	9.97
Natural Res Fd	56.6	62.4	-0.2	3.51
European Inc	60.9	64.8	-1.1	3.50
Financial Tst	46.1	49.3	-0.3	3.25
Int Tech Fd	94.5	100.7	-1.0	0.14
FS INVESTMENT MANAGERS				
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Do Inc	65.9	69.8e	-0.8	0.40
Hi Yield Acc	29.6	31.5e	-0.2	
Do Inc	28.8	30.6e	-0.2	5.10
Inc Gth Acc	85.7	89.3	-0.4	
Do Inc	50.9	54.1	-0.4	4.00
Serv Co Acc	71.9	76.5	-0.9	
Do Inc	70.5	75.0	-0.9	0.30
Amer Gth Acc	20.1	21.4	-0.4	
Do Inc	20.1	21.4	-0.4	1.00
Euro Gth Acc	16.7	17.8	-0.1	
Do Inc	16.7	17.8	-0.1	1.00

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Amer Spec Sit	38.1	40.8	+0.3	0.14
Australia	35.8	38.3	+0.4	2.28
European	52.9	56.3e	+0.6	
European Inc	39.7	42.1	+0.1	4.41
Global Conv	52.0	55.3	+0.3	5.19
Far East Inc	35.4	37.7	+0.1	3.55
Gl/Fxd Interest	30.0	•		9.91
Growth & Inc	166.6	178.2	-1.6	4.35
Japan Spec Sit	57.1	61.0	+1.9	
Japan	136.1	147.4	+1.7	
Main Interest	114.1	121.4	+1.5	0.92
Mex Inc Emrg	104.3	111.5	-0.5	4.74
Pacific Assns	37.5	40.5	+0.5	2.79
SE Asia	33.0	35.2e	+0.4	0.16
Spec Sit	250.1	267.5	+0.2	0.41
Eastern Opps	20.0	21.2	+0.3	
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT				
3, London Wall Bldgs, London Wall,				
London EC2M 5NQ				
01-628 5181				
Amer/Gen Inc	152.4	161.2	+2.7	
Do Acc	154.7	163.6	+2.7	
Asian Tst Inc	154.8	163.8	+3.0	1.03
Do Acc	160.5	169.8	+3.0	1.03
Capital Inc	283.3	378.6e	-2.8	1.91
Do Acc	354.3	374.9	-3.9	1.91
Conv/Gtr Inc	56.9	102.5	-0.2	4.97
Do Acc	153.8	141.5	-0.3	4.97
European Inc	55.5	58.7	-0.7	1.00
Do Acc	55.5	58.7	-0.7	1.00
Extra Inc Inc	218.9	231.6	-5.2	3.45
Do Acc	243.2	257.9	-5.7	3.45
Financial Acc	42.2	44.8e	+0.1	1.00
Do Sterling Acc	42.0	44.4e	+0.1	1.00
Income Tst	148.5	156.8	-3.1	4.44
Do Acc	169.1	178.8	-3.2	4.44
Int Growth Inc	130.8	138.4e	-1.9	
Do Acc	145.2	153.6e	-1.8	
Japan/Gen Inc	94.2	99.6	+1.0	
Do Acc	95.1	100.6	+1.0	
Monthly Inc Fd	115.6	122.3e	-2.3	3.17
PEP 87	58.3	61.6	-0.8	1.77
Recovery	162.3	171.7	-4.8	1.15
Do Acc	177.4	187.7	-4.8	1.15
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Equity Dist	208.9	221.7e	-0.2	2.81
Do Acc	359.4	381.5e	+0.5	2.81
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Do Acc	47.1	50.0	--	1.00
Fxd Interest Di	114.0	121.2e	+4.5	10.23
Do Acc	144.1	152.9e	+5.6	10.23
Gen Fxd Int	47.5	50.4	+0.4	1.48
Do Acc	47.5	50.4	+0.4	1.48
Nth Amer Dist	106.5	113.1	+7.4	2.27
Do Acc	107.2	113.9	+7.5	2.27
Pac Basin Dist	156.3	165.9	+10.8	0.23
Do Acc	156.3	166.0	+9.8	0.23
Steward Dist	215.9	229.0e	-1.0	1.28
Do Acc	215.9	229.0e	-1.0	1.28
Special Inc Di	47.1	50.0	--	4.00
Do Acc	47.1	50.0	--	4.00
N Am Stwd Di	47.5	50.4	+0.4	1.98
Do Acc	47.5	50.4	+0.4	1.98
GT UNIT MANAGERS				
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UK Cap Inc	169.2	181.2	-0.8	3.72
Do Acc	185.6	198.8	-3.2	3.70
Income Fd	91.0	96.9	-1.6	8.40
International	139.8	148.8	-0.6	1.30
US & General	42.0	44.7	-0.4	1.09
Japan & Gen	240.1	261.1	+1.9	0.10
Far East Gen	111.7	118.9	+1.0	0.10
European Fd	218.8	232.8	+4.1	0.10
Germany Fd	95.2	101.3e	+0.9	0.40
Int Inc Fd	47.6	50.7	-0.5	5.10
Wld Spec Sit	54.9	58.5	+0.6	1.60
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01-377 5295 Investor Service (Freephone)				
0800 289336				
American Tst	65.9	70.8	+2.3	0.70
Australian Tst	22.0	23.7	-0.3	0.00
Britain Inc	70.1	75.4		4.64
Do Dist	69.8	74.4		1.92
Common Shar	65.3	70.2	-1.1	1.00
European Tst	43.4	46.7	+0.5	0.73
Extra Income	124.4	133.8		6.30
Far East Tst	113.6	122.1e	-0.3	0.30
Fxd Interest Fd	27.0	29.1e		8.86
Frontier Mkts	23.6	25.4		0.30
Int Fxd Interest	25.0	26.4		8.40
Global Fxd Inc	42.8	46.0	+4.8	0.40
Do Dist	148.5	160.0e	+4.9	0.40
Gold Share Tst	18.3	19.7		0.00
Managed Fund	30.4	32.7		4.50
Recovery Tst	87.1	97.2	+0.7	0.00
Hong Kong Tst	27.4	29.4		0.00
Income Fd	94.9	102.1		2.96
Japan Tst	113.5	122.0		0.00
Managed Exempt	352.2	378.6e		2.32
Oil & Energy	38.9	41.8		2.55
Spec Sit Tst	117.9	126.8		1.09
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Int Gth	89.5	96.1	-0.3	1.23
American Gth	51.6	55.2	+0.3	3.10
American Inc	41.9	44.8	+0.2	6.55
European Gth	48.5	51.9e	+0.5	1.14
Gold & Minrls	61.1	65.3	-1.4	0.26
Japan Gth	50.6	54.1e	-0.7	
Pacific Inc	94.1	100.6	-1.0	1.32
Pacific Rsrat	37.0	39.6	-0.9	0.41
UK Prog Inc	65.5	70.1	-0.1	4.42
UK Spec Opps	144.1	154.1	-1.6	0.67
Gt British	32.4	34.6	-1.1	1.70
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Gwandhill	282.1	282.3	-0.4	2.93
N American	119.9	128.0e	+4.7	0.54
Pac Basin	227.7	251.5e	+1.3	0.00
Prop Shars	339.3	374.5	-5.2	1.53
Smaller Co	276.9	293.1e	+0.8	1.24
European Tst	217.6	230.3	+9.7	1.12
GUINNESS MAHON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
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EC3P 3AJ				
01-623 9333				
Global Gth	35.7	38.0e	-0.4	0.80
High Income	74.6	79.4e	-0.2	6.84
N Amer Tst	87.3	88.1	-0.3	0.88
Pacific Gth	32.5	34.6e	-0.3	0.50
Recovery	285.3	303.6e	-4.7	2.56
St Vincent Inc	94.2	96.7	-1.2	5.50
St Vinc US Gth	54.4	56.7	-0.7	1.62
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Canadian Tst	46.2	49.7e	+0.2	0.90
Equity Income	101.7	107.4e	-1.0	4.67
European Tst	65.4	67.9	+1.1	1.05
High Income	77.5	82.0e	-0.3	5.19
Int Sec Tst	51.7	54.9	-0.1	0.55
Japan/Far East	101.7	107.9e	-0.3	0.01
Nth Amer Tst	52.4	55.6	-0.1	1.25
Res & Assets	63.7	68.3	-1.1	0.66
Scandinavian	76.5	81.2	+1.2	0.95
Smlr Co	34.2	34.4e	+0.1	0.66
Uk New Gen	39.5	41.9	-0.5	1.07
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Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex.				
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Amer Recov	78.9	86.1	+0.8	0.50
Amer Smlr Co	35.1	38.3e	+0.2	0.00
Australian	60.7	67.4e	+0.2	1.12
Best of World	48.8	52.2		2.42
Cap Inc	84.5	89.8	-0.1	2.23
Do Acc	89.7	77.3	-0.2	2.23
European	216.5	228.8e	+3.1	0.89
Euro Inc Tst	41.0	44.6	+0.1	0.00
Euro Smlr Co	84.1	91.9e	+1.9	0.19
Extra Income	213.7	226.7	+0.5	3.56
Financial Tst	173.2	197.7	+0.7	0.84
Gilt/Fixed Int	35.2	37.4	+0.1	8.54
Gilt Tst	41.0	43.7	+0.2	6.97
Global Health	68.8	73.6	+0.4	0.00
Global Recov/Gth	47.9	51.2	+0.2	0.00
Global Resrce	87.1	97.2	+0.7	0.00
Global Tech	93.0	102.7	+0.7	0.00
Gold Income	31.0	37.4	+0.2	0.00
High Income	224.4	247.0e	-2.6	3.60
Hong Kong	45.4	50.6	+0.5	0.00
Income Asset	118.2	130.6	+0.6	3.72
International	148.4	156.9e	+1.1	0.39
Jap Spec Sits	153.3	158.3e	+0.2	0.00
Japan Tst	131.3	135.5	+0.1	0.00
Japanese Inc	130.3	149.4e	+1.6	1.30
Sing & Malay	28.6	31.1	+0.3	0.39
Smlr Co Gth	156.6	172.7e	-0.4	0.53
Special Sits Inc	189.2	207.8e	-1.3	0.53
Strategic Tst	242.0	273.7	-0.8	0.53
Worldwide	418.3	465.2e		1.14
Euro Exempt	106.2	112.4e		1.63
Gilt Exempt	71.6	75.8	+0.2	3.52
Hi Inc Exempt	148.0	158.7	-0.1	7.31
Japan Exempt	165.6	174.4	+0.3	0.01
N Amer Exempt	72.1	77.1	+0.1	0.01
Pac Exempt	198.2	190.3e	-1.2	0.19
Smi Co Exempt	198.6	184.3	-3.0	1.03
Best of Srl	33.8	37.4e	+0.1	2.60
Spirit Of East	34.3	37.2e	+0.2	2.79
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NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon				
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Capital Units	100.6	106.5	-1.7	2.58
Dollar Units	157.0	166.2e	+3.1	1.62
European	112.5	119.1	+0.3	1.62
Far East	124.3	131.6	+4.3	2.14
Financial	403.0	426.5e	+8.2	2.07
Gt Interest Inc	27.4	29.5	-0.7	8.39
Do Gth	27.4	29.5	-0.7	8.39
High Yield	76.0	80.6	+0.6	4.52
Income	95.4	101.0e	+0.6	3.96
International	122.7	129.9	+1.8	1.86
Japan Tech	49.2	52.1	+0.2	0.00
Managed Fund	139.8	148.0	-0.4	2.62
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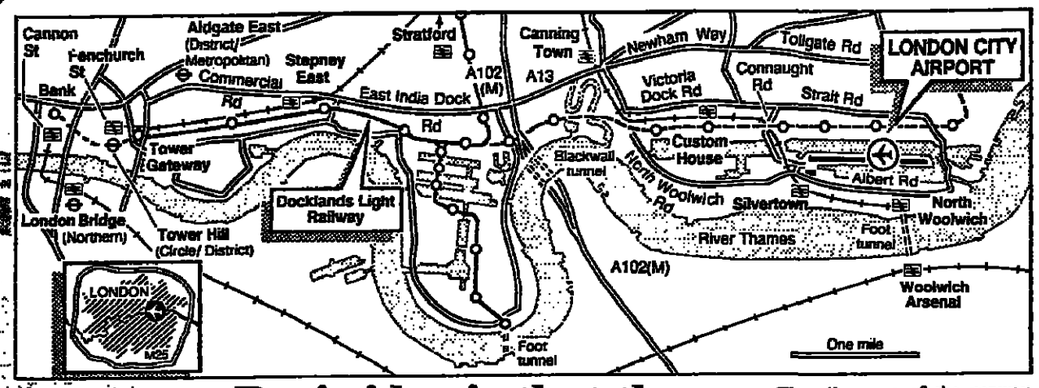
LONDON CITY AIRPORT **FOCUS** A SPECIAL REPORT

The slick City flyers of the future

Today the Queen opens the London City Airport, built in Docklands to serve executives requiring a swift, easy route to the Continent



Youthful look: Amanda Sayers, 28, was appointed building services manager for the venture



Taxi drivers have not yet included it in "the knowledge". Much of the immediate area still resembles a bombed site. There is still confusion over the name. And only a fraction of its intended market in Europe has been opened up.

But London City Airport, or Stolport, depending on your preference, is in business.

All those involved — especially the developers Mowlem, and the airlines Brymon and Eurocity Express — believe they could be on the threshold of bringing a revolution to the way businessmen travel between London and Europe.

If they are right, the thousands working within the City of London, or within striking distance of the burgeoning East End, could be ready to turn their backs on the crowded Tube journey to Heathrow, or the battle through the backpacking holiday-makers at Gatwick, and simply take the short taxi journey to LCA, as the airport has been officially designated.

Already some doubters are predicting that the early financial analysis is, to say the least, optimistic. They claim that, even with landing fees as high as those at Heathrow, Mowlem will find it difficult to make a return on its £30 million investment for many years. Most people, it is argued, travel on business trips direct from their homes rather than making spur-of-the-moment decisions to go from their offices.

Thousands will want to use the airport

So are they really likely to hail a cab, run the risk of the driver not knowing where the new airport is, fight through the heavy Docklands traffic and board a small 50-seat turbo-prop aircraft that is slower than a jet and which, on arrival in Paris or Brussels, will have no different facilities from the mass of scheduled flights coming from Heathrow or Gatwick?

Yes they will, say the airlines confidently. And they also claim that, more importantly, thousands of businessmen from the Continent will want to use London City. In fact, Plymouth-based Brymon believes that at least 60 per cent of its passengers will originate in European capitals, attracted by flying to an airport within easy reach of their destination, probably the City.

Both airlines will be watching their results closely during the next few months, hoping they may have even underestimated the demand and in the expectation that they will at least live up to their pre-launch publicity.

The story of the Docklands airport development is one of almost unparalleled private optimism and enterprise. The London docks had been at the heart of the capital's industrial life for more than 500 years. Huge ships bringing vital supplies to the millions living in the South-East unloaded their cargoes on the quaysides, giving employment to thousands of dockers, shipping agents, seamen and related industries.

But by the late 1970s container ships and bulk carriers had replaced the cargo carriers and despite desperate and often bitter attempts by the dockers to keep them open, the London docks were doomed.

In 1981 the up-river docks finally closed, throwing 28,000 men out of work and resulting in a gradual decay and dereliction that blighted the entire area.

But the Government decided to rejuvenate the area through the London Docklands Development Corporation, which had the power to cut through red tape and bring new industries into the 5,000 acres of wasteland. At about the same time a new breed of ultra-quiet, short take-off and landing aircraft were being developed, especially in Canada, where the de Havilland Dash 7, four-engined turbo-prop, was being built.

Reg Ward, head of the LDCC, saw the significance at once. He was keen to maintain some form of transport in the docks and when he began talking to Phillip Beck, chairman of Mowlem, who was a private pilot and aviation enthusiast, an idea gradually began to take shape.

Basic idea is that the passenger should use it as easily as his office

They contacted Bill Bryce, then the owner of Brymon, who had taken delivery of his first Dash 7, capable of carrying 50 people around 400 miles, and asked if it could land on 2,500ft of runway. It could. The project was born.

From their first formal meeting in December 1981, some near-miracles have been achieved in winning approval for the scheme, overcoming local opposition, proving that the operation was both safe and potentially viable, building the actual airport itself and ending with an official opening by the Queen.

The airport itself lies to the east of the Isle of Dogs on 667 undeveloped acres that are larger than the City and the West End combined. Within that area a finger pier between Albert Dock and King George V Dock is a site tailor-made for the construction of a 762-metre runway, from which the Dash 7 can operate.

Once the project was clearly on course a whole range of airlines showed an interest in flying from there and the Civil Aviation Authority began a series of route licence applications in which each had to prove its worthiness and operational capabilities.

From the six on the shortlist of potential operators just two now remain — Eurocity Express, a purpose-made offshoot of Michael Bishop's highly successful and slick British Midland Airways, and Brymon, run by the former BEA boss Charles Stuart.

They will fly from land that is actually owned by Port of London Properties, originally the property division of the Port of London Authority, and leased to Mowlem, which has designed and built the airport and will operate it.

They fought through a full public inquiry, during which local objections were answered with detailed explanation, and received final planning consent in February last year.

Work on the airport itself actually began in April that year, the main concentration being on the 92-acre site itself, just north of the Thames. Working with R. Seifert & Partners as the architects and engineers Donald Butler Associates, Mowlem drew up a tight construction programme, guaranteeing to complete the construction in just 18 months.

Terminal covered in blue aluminium

Warehouses on the site were demolished, and the dock, measuring 250 metres by 30 metres, had to be decked over in an astonishing operation. The dock was dammed and drained, and 128 steel columns were built from the dock base and were capped with a giant slab of concrete that now forms the aircraft apron.

Two other dry docks were filled in to form part of the flat area at each end.

The alignment of the runway itself was dictated by a tall mill building to the west of the site and a proposed bridge over the Thames to the east. Through a trick of clever design the runway is actually two overlapping runways in one, and is fitted with the latest navigation and landing aids. It was ready for its first Dash 7 landing in May this year.

One of the airport's most obvious and vital features is the 8,000 square metre terminal, which is covered in a striking blue aluminium and will enable passengers to pass easily through to aircraft parked alongside the 300-metre-long pier.

Waiting passengers will have a clear view of the docks and aircraft movements, while the interior design is deliberately kept simple and classic to enable fast departure — it is claimed that a passenger can be airborne within 15 minutes of arrival at the airport — and yet the terminal is designed to be an extension of the office.

This basic belief — that the passenger should be able to use the airport as easily as he does his own office — dominates the design and the philosophy behind the entire concept. The airport will not be for the man or woman who is looking for the cheapest way to fly and is targeted almost exclusively at the business passenger.

But most important of all is the business centre which, when it is opened in December, will be on the first floor and will be open from 7.30am to 8.30pm.

It seems that everything is now in place. All that is needed now is an influx of passengers.

Harvey Elliott
Air Correspondent

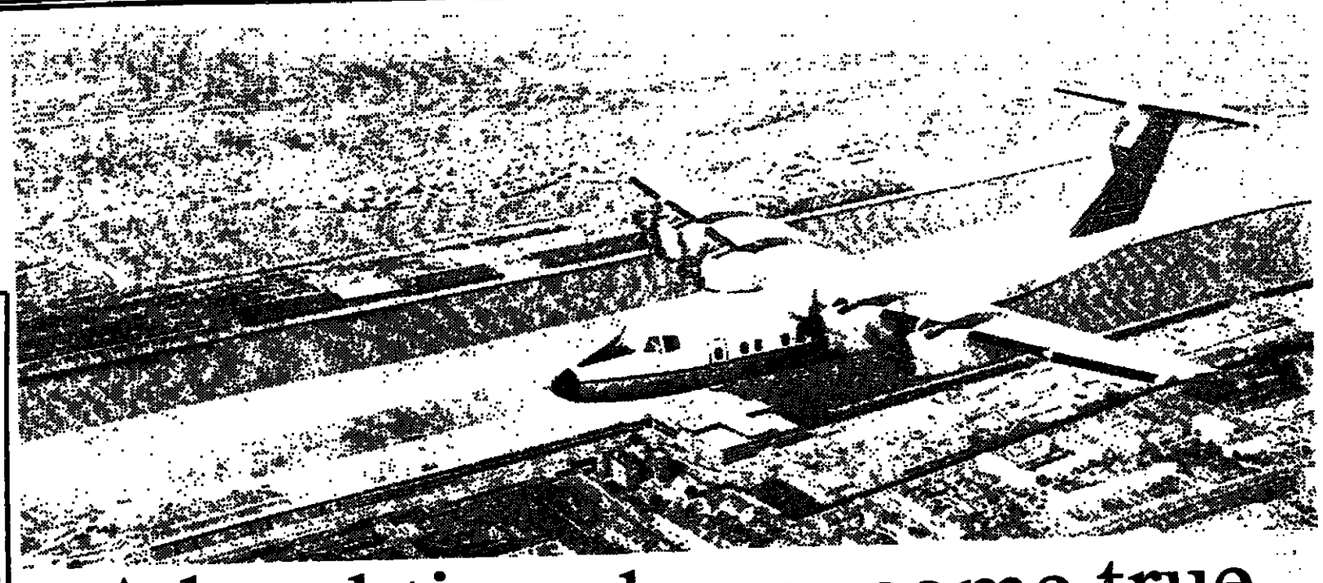
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The nippy white bird, the de Havilland Dash 7, will soon be a familiar sight in the skies over Docklands, on the flight path that was specially designed for it. The "great slabs" of water seemed an insurmountable obstacle when the airport plan was mooted. But the Dash 7 demonstrated the feasibility of an airport by making a Docklands landing in 1982. The short runway bisecting the former Albert and King George V Docks has proved ideal for the aircraft and overcame planning objections, such as the risk of collision with the blocks of multi-storey flats and housing estates, near to the site. In the final analysis the overriding commercial imperative to establish such an airport in the heart of an East End that has benefited from the property boom finally won. Faith, too, in the so-far unproved concept of a full-scale commercial airport in an urban centre , which could help to bring prosperity to a wasteland, played its part and was entirely vindicated



A lunchtime dream come true

It was over lunch at L'Opéra in Covent Garden six years ago that the germ of the London City Airport was born. Reg Ward, chief executive of the London Docklands Development Corporation, was addressing a small party of civil engineering contractors at the invitation of the Mowlem chairman Phillip Beck.

"I was doing my usual talk on the need to drum up bright new ideas for Docklands," he recalls. "I'd been in Toronto a few months previously and seen Dash 7s in operation and asked whether a small urban airport could be built in the Royals, turning one of Docklands' most inaccessible corners into a real communications hub."

Mr Beck, an air enthusiast and private pilot, whose company had already been involved in building airports overseas, had few doubts about such a scheme's viability. By Christmas that year — 1981 — he had translated what began as a random dinner-table topic into detailed proposals for a Docklands Stolport, and delivered them to Mr Ward's office.

Six years and £32 million later, the modest £7 million project first mooted over lunch has grown dramatically in its outlook and objectives. A remarkable testimony to the vision and tenacity of both Mowlem and the LDDC, Europe's first inner-city airport has not only helped to trigger large-scale redevelopment of a once hopelessly run-down swathe of east London, but has also been hailed as a breakthrough in civil aviation.

Back in 1981, however, LDDC chiefs were still searching hard for a catalyst capable of sparking off the regeneration of the dismal and seemingly remote Royal Docks. Although numerous schemes were on the drawing board for the nearby Isle of Dogs, even far-sighted developers could see little use for the Royals until the East London River Crossing was in place in the early 1990s.

"Seeing those great slabs of water, it was difficult to see what on earth could be attracted there," Mr Ward admits. "At best, we thought the area might lend itself to some kind of warehousing and distribution hub."

The 667-acre Royals were surprisingly well suited to the concept of a Docklands airport, however. The finger pier between the Albert and King George V docks was tailor-made for the construction of a short runway, in turn eminently suitable for a new type of short take-off and landing aircraft being built by de Havilland of Canada — the Dash 7. Its first buyer in the UK was Brymon Airways, soon to play a leading role in the creation of London City Airport.

In a public demonstration that the aircraft could be both user-friendly and environmentally acceptable, a Brymon Dash 7 touched down on Heron Quays on the Isle of Dogs in July 1982. The impact on both media and public was immediate. "Suddenly we had an enthusiastic following," says Mr Ward. "People stopped seeing the regeneration of Docklands as a hopeless cause and began to see the critical role an airport could play in its future."

This surge of interest was followed by a frustrating two-year wait as a public inquiry into Mowlem's planning proposals got under way. Objections were filed by the GLC and an East End residents' group unconvinced that an airport on their doorstep was in the area's interests.

'Overriding need for new jobs'

"There was a certain amount of scepticism about the numbers of jobs we would create and a lot of irrational fears about aircraft flying into tower blocks," recalls Mr Beck. "Environmental concerns were very real but for most people they came second to the overriding need for new jobs."

Local opinion proved to be conclusively in favour of the airport. As Mr Ward comments: "The sheer logic of the scheme and its economic viability meant it always stood a good chance of getting off the ground. At the end of the day, the airport's potential benefits weighed heavily in our favour and we went on to win every planning battle." Building work finally began early last year.

London City Airport's development, which has thrown Mowlem into the role of airport operator for the first time, has not only been innovative in terms of its inner-city aviation concept. Mowlem's approach to the management of LCA has also demanded that the rule book be rewritten. City solicitors Rowe & Maw called in to draw up the airport's trading and licence agreements, were briefed to devise a legal framework for day-to-day operations, which would give the owners some unprecedented freedom and flexibility.

In a radical departure from normal airport practice, LCA will take control of ground handling for the two carriers and will be able to switch the premises of its tenants and licensees free of any arguments of security of tenure.

It intends to have the power to re-allocate airline check-in desks to prevent long queues from forming and will also receive direct income from certain of its retail outlets through the implementation of detailed management agreements.

"What it means is that London City will not be subject to many of the constraints common to other airports," explains the Rowe & Maw partner Michael Nott, a former senior lawyer with the British Airports Authority.

"I can't say our approach has been 100 per cent popular with all parties concerned, but it adds up to a forward-thinking approach in airport management, which will mean distinctly better service for the travellers."

Mr Beck is now looking for a return on Mowlem's investment within three years. He has few doubts that it can be done and is already examining the potential of other possible Stolport sites in Europe and the UK. For Mr Ward, meanwhile, London City's debut marks his exit from the LDDC after eight years of achievements that have transformed the face and fortunes of the East End.

"I shall be watching the airport's growth with interest and have no doubts whatsoever that its business potential is immense," he says.

"Sorry though I am to be leaving, I feel it's now high time I put whatever creative talents I have left into something new."

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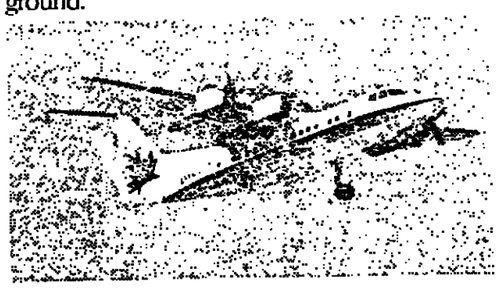
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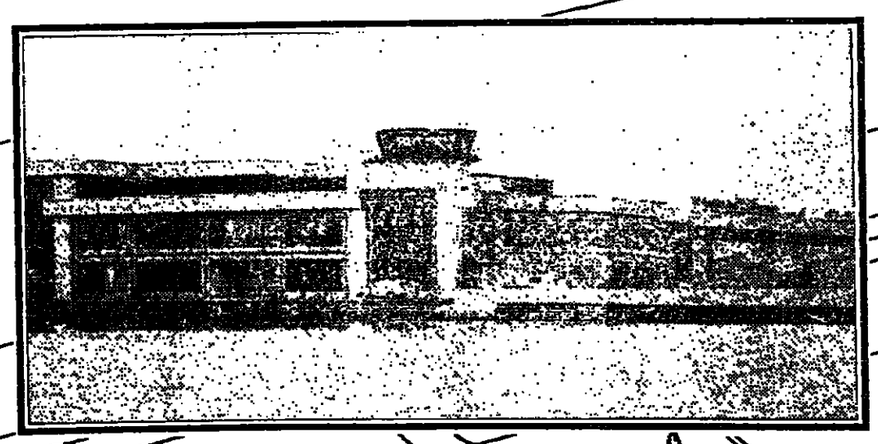
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A quiet visitor who satisfies a steep order

The two airlines flying from London City Airport have very different and distinctive liveries but the aircraft are identical. Both are Canadian-built de Havilland Dash 7 four-engined turbo-prop aircraft that have been certified to fly from the airport.

When the Government gave permission for the development of the airport, it imposed restrictions on aircraft types and noise levels.

To ensure that surrounding buildings were cleared safely on take-off and landing and to ensure that people living in the immediate area were not subject to too much noise, the Government ruled that any aircraft using the airport must approach at an angle of no less than 7.5 degrees — far steeper than conventional aircraft approaches.

Only specially designed short take-off and landing aircraft can achieve this and, at least initially, this limits operations to the de Havilland Dash 7, although the West German manufacturer Dornier has now obtained clearance for its own "stol" aircraft to be used.

Permission must be gained by radio

Since it was introduced commercially in 1973 the Dash 7 has flown more than a million hours around the world under many difficult geographic and weather conditions and has been particularly effective on Brymon's internal routes.

The Dash 7 has four extremely powerful Pratt & Whitney engines, whose propellers turn very slowly allowing it to carry more than 20 tons when fully laden and keeping the noise both inside and outside to a minimum.

The Dash 7 can fly at around 20,000ft, above most adverse weather conditions. Yet its spacious pressurized cabin enables business class-style comfort.

Its range is more than 900 miles and its take-off speed of just 74 knots enables it to make a very short take-off run.

The Civil Aviation Authority has designated the air space around the new airport a "special rules zones", which means that any pilot wishing to enter will have to gain permission by radio.

Aircraft will fly below the level of aircraft in the immediate London Terminal Manoeuvring Area and will therefore be subject to low-level secondary radar coverage.

On final approach the aircraft will lock on to a beam from the Racal instrument landing system, the first of its kind to be approved by the CAA, which will enable pilots to ensure they stick rigidly to the 7.5 degree glide path.

Meanwhile, the Dornier 228 gull-winged short take-off aircraft has been granted permission to fly from the airport.

It can carry 30 passengers up to 700 miles. It is in full production and the many airlines showing an interest in its capabilities will have the option of using a different aircraft from the Dash 7 on the routes from London City.

The big change will come, however, should the Thames bridge now planned to cross the river near the airport be redesigned and enable the British Aerospace 146 jet to be used from the airport.

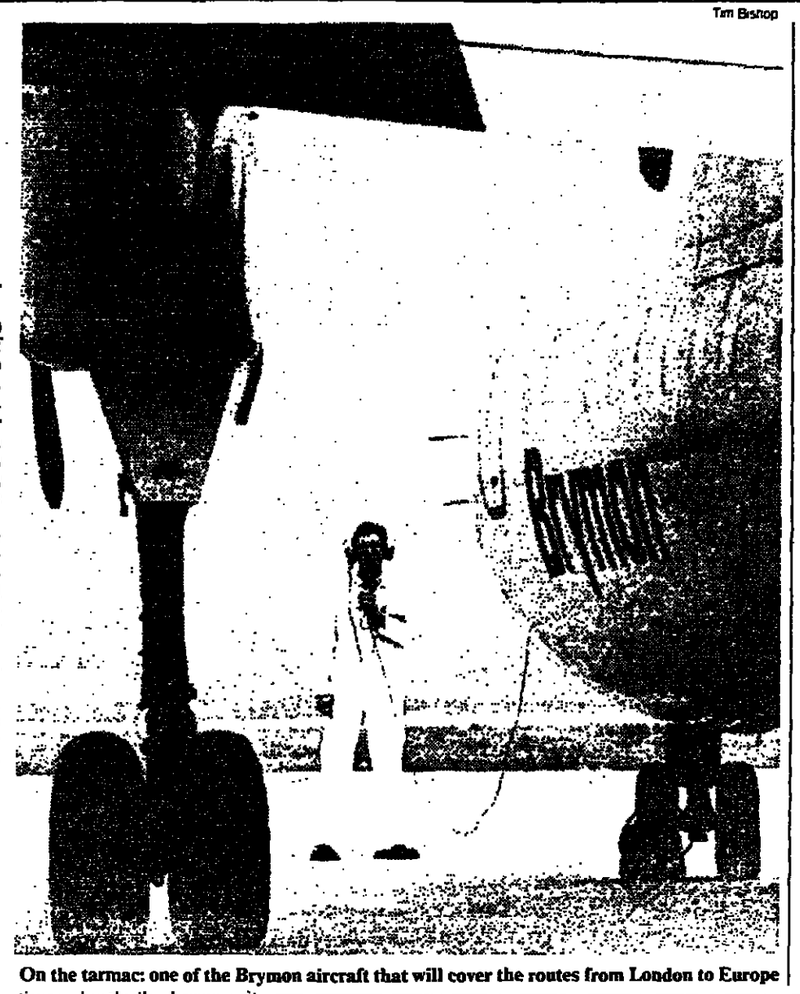
Any attempt to introduce jets would be fiercely resisted by local protest groups and for the moment these aircraft are outlawed. But the British Midland boss, Michael Bishop, and British Aerospace are both convinced that only the 146 will enable the airport to reach its full potential and compete effectively with Heathrow and other nearby airports.

The 146 would cut journey times drastically because it flies faster, and it is claimed that it would not present any additional noise burden. It would be able to fly further, bringing such cities as Copenhagen within the airport's range and give more passengers more comfort. British Aerospace believes the introduction of the 146 would bring 310 million European passengers within range compared with just 90 million for the Dash 7.

But before that can happen the bridge would at least have to be redesigned so that its high twin towers no longer presented a hazard on take-off. The 146 could then fly in and out using a much less steep take-off and approach.

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Tim Bishop



On the tarmac: one of the Brymon aircraft that will cover the routes from London to Europe

The big battle for business begins

Now that London City Airport is finally open for business — with a few hectic last days of preparation — the two airlines that are vying for passengers are refining their product, writes *Harvey Elliott*.

Brymon has introduced a new Cityclass service designed to give the businessman all he needs to make a swift trip either from Britain to the Continent or vice versa.

Brymon has teamed up with Air France to attract the 60 per cent of travellers it believes will fly from Paris to London City.

Bilingual staff on the flight

The two airlines will now operate a joint service six times a day using Air France flight numbers from Paris.

The advantages of the deal, according to Brymon, is that Air France will now market the product through all its outlets in France, handle the aircraft at Charles de Gaulle Airport and provide bilingual cabin staff on board.

At the same time Eurocity has made a similar deal with Sabena, the Belgian national airline for its services to Brussels.

Eurocity hopes gradually to expand its routes, as does Brymon, through next year certainly to Amsterdam and eventually to Manchester, Rotterdam, Düsseldorf and the Channel Islands.

Both airlines, because they are using identical aircraft, are limited in the range of services they can offer their passengers.

Both, however, have installed the latest galleys allowing hot and cold food and a variety of menus appropriate to the time of day to be provided.

Other cabin services are a complimentary bar, newspapers and magazines and, eventually an in-flight telephone and secretarial service.

At its present planned capacity levels the airport will handle up to 120 flights a day and 1.2 million passengers in a year.

Brymon has linked up with Europcar so that on-board advanced car rentals can be made and passengers — by far the greatest number of whom are expected to carry hand baggage only — can get through the airport swiftly and on towards their destination.

Michael Bishop, the chairman of Eurocity, is convinced that the time saving and lack of hassle that the airport offers will attract passengers.

He believes there will be a great incentive to businessmen because there are unlikely ever to be more than 200 or so passengers in the terminal at any time.

Other incentives will be full telex, fax, secretarial and meeting facilities, and the absence of holidaymakers and queues.

Tough time ahead in the 1990s

Eurocity especially is looking to the future and the possible introduction of the British Aerospace 146 four-engined ultra-quiet jet into the airport, and is also evaluating other aircraft types such as the Dornier 228.

Brymon's chairman Charles Stuart — whose airline will also operate to Plymouth — believes European air travel faces a tough time in the 1990s with too many people trying to cram into constricted airports and too much reliance being put on making the service cheap.

He believes, therefore, that the businessman will prove the most demanding and will be the passenger who sets the trend for service. London City, he is convinced, will provide that chance.

His new Cityclass service is intended to change the face of air travel for businessmen by introducing genuine first class service at club class prices.

Now everyone hopes the confident predictions will prove correct.

Europe eyes up the transfer traffic

Main Continental airports are viewing London City's business potential with more than passing interest — though they do not agree on the numbers of interline passengers it can generate.

Amsterdam's small hinterland makes Schiphol Airport heavily dependent on winning international transfer traffic. More than a third — or three million a year — of its scheduled passengers are in transit, providing a vital slice of the airport's revenue through duty-free and other purchases. More than 20 UK regional airports are served from Schiphol, underlining its claim to be the favoured transfer airport for many provincial UK travellers.

Schiphol officials now hope to boost their lucrative interline traffic once Eurocity Express launches its daily Amsterdam service in the new year. "Stolport is certain to generate more Continental air traffic and clearly we stand to benefit", said a spokesman. "Most passengers will simply be here on a day's business, but we think as many as a quarter could be in transit."

Less optimistic about interline traffic benefits is Brussels, which expects only a marginal boost from London City. "The new airport will certainly stimulate short-haul air traffic, but whether that will mean more interline business is another matter," commented Phil Bannister, UK passenger sales manager for the Belgian airline Sabena.

He said: "Over 15 per cent of our other ex-UK passengers interline at Brussels, but I doubt whether more than 1 or 2 per cent would be in that category from Stolport. Some people may well be continuing their business trips to Zurich or Frankfurt, but all in all we'd be delighted with a 5 per cent share."

The Belgian capital's growth as a finance and property centre in recent years has enhanced its appeal as an interlining hub.

Air France, which has partnered Brymon Airways in London City's Paris services, is reserving judgment on the prospects of more interline business for Charles de Gaulle Airport. More than a quarter of the airline's scheduled passengers out of London switch flights in Paris.

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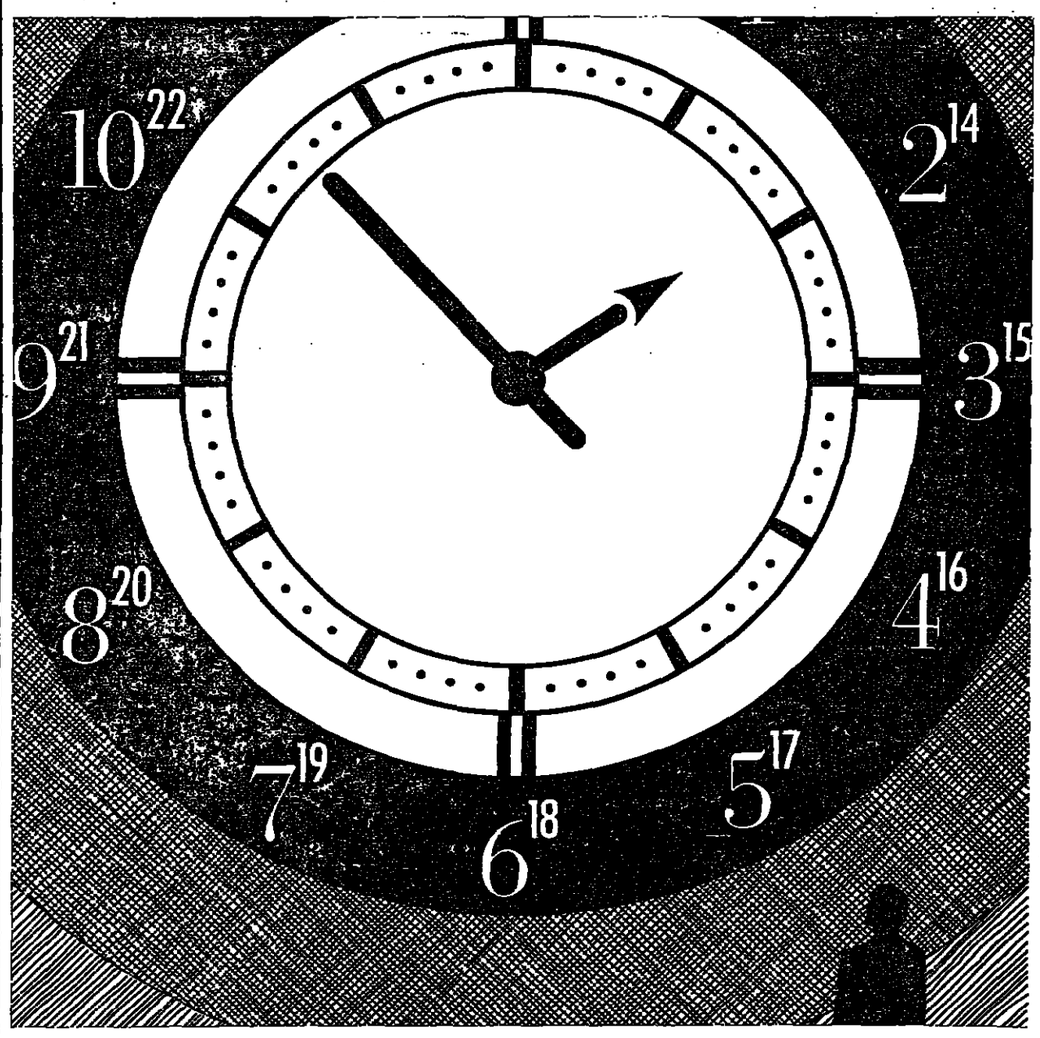
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How everything fell into place

With the opening barely a week away Herb Nahapiet, the man in charge of building the terminal and runway, surveyed the 450 construction workers swarming over the airport site and admitted frankly: "If you'd been here last week you would never have believed that a brand new airport would be born within days."

For Mr Nahapiet and his 24-strong project management team from Mowlem Management, it has been a sprint against time from day one.

Legal wrangles at the beginning robbed them of the three months alloted for demolition of the huge reinforced concrete warehouses that ran the length of the main quay of the derelict Royal Albert and King George V Docks, and which was destined to become the 1,032-metre-long runway.

The delay in starting produced an ingenious solution that not only pulled back the lost months but also saved money.

"To catch up we had to send in the concrete-laying teams on the coat-tails of the demolition men, running the two tasks virtually in parallel", explains Mr Nahapiet.

"As the buildings were knocked to the ground at one end of the dock, some 100,000 cubic metres of rubble was ferried to giant crushing machines at the other end and then brought back again and used immediately to form the runway's sub-base. About 7,000 cubic metres of concrete was then laid on top."

To maintain quality control during the pouring operation, a concrete batching plant was built on site.

Having pulled off what seemed like the impossible: completing the runway, apron and taxi ways by October, Mr Nahapiet was faced with a new set of problems.

Realizing that the airport was going to have to appeal to a more discerning business traveller than that first envisaged, Mowlem, the client and

New road at the eleventh hour

parent company, instructed the design and construction team to upgrade substantially the standard of finishes and facilities in the airport terminal and associated buildings, even though work had been under way for some time.

The builders faced new demands of this type almost every other day and even at the eleventh hour they had to start work on a new road required by one of the airline companies.

For the client, the constant upgrading has meant a steep rise in the cost of the airport, from £12 million to £20 million, during the 18-month building period.

For Mr Nahapiet and his team it has meant overlapping design and construction. He says: "Although the project was intended to be a fast-track scheme, the many changes in specification have meant we have had to go even quicker than anticipated."

In addition, to beat the project completion deadline, the team had to manage simultaneously the three major components of the airport — the runway, the terminal and other buildings, and the apron, which was built on a former dry dock that had been drained and capped.

Mr Nahapiet says: "Potentially, there was a real interface problem, and to overcome it we had to manage everything very tightly. We worked extremely closely with the architects, Seifert & Partners, and this meant that we could see immediately the practicalities of the design and whether it could be done in time. This made the actual construction much easier."

Portable radios were essential so that management and foremen could monitor each other's progress and co-ordinate tasks while they were strung out along the length of the 98-acre site.

A further rein on speed of completion was applied by the need to seek various building consents from local councils, fire authorities and other statutory bodies, which were having to process such requests for the first time because of the novelty of the project.

Mr Nahapiet says: "The project is unique in a number of ways, but crucially for the construction we have had to climb a learning curve with a number of authorities who had never before been involved in building an airport."

It was Mowlem's third airport project in a row, having been involved in joint ventures to build the Falklands airstrip and a military airbase in Diego Garcia in the Indian Ocean. Several key staff were transferred from those projects to the City Airport job.

Although he wanted experience in his team, Mr Nahapiet was also keen to include precociously talented youth. This resulted in the appointment to his senior management cadre of 28-year-old Amanda Sayers as building services manager.

Cruelly, as the youngest member of the team, she was on the receiving end of a "phenomenally high" number of specification changes, and was responsible for the installation of more than 15 miles of cable, carrying flight information, security systems and other data.

Mr Nahapiet says: "We had problems when the time came for the finishing trades to begin work. Shortage of plasterers was the main worry. But we overcame it by using men from five different firms."

The 8,000-square-metre airport terminal and the 300-metre-long pier was the last major piece of the jigsaw to be finished. Again, because of the pressing deadline, Mr Nahapiet devised a flow system designed to minimize delays.

For speed, the two-storey buildings were built in hybrid form. Reinforced concrete was used up to first-floor level because there was a 12-week waiting time for steel. This meant that work on the second floor could begin immediately the first phase was finished.

Because of the unusual closeness to the runway of the terminal and pier, specially-developed cladding was used so as not to interfere with the instrument landing system.

So tight was the deadline in fitting-out that the day I visited the site, bottles of duty-free liquor were being delivered for the stocking of shelves that had been fitted only hours earlier.

"What you have to remember", says Mr Nahapiet, "is that we have done something unique in building this airport and we have had to do the unique as quickly and economically as possible. If we were to do this for a second time, it would be a doddle."

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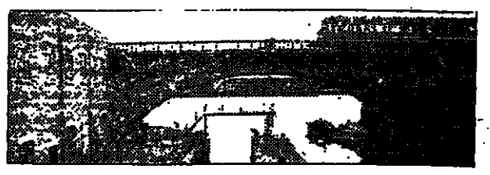
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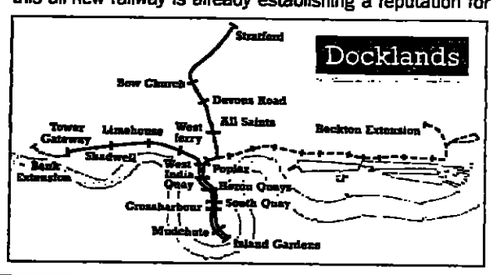


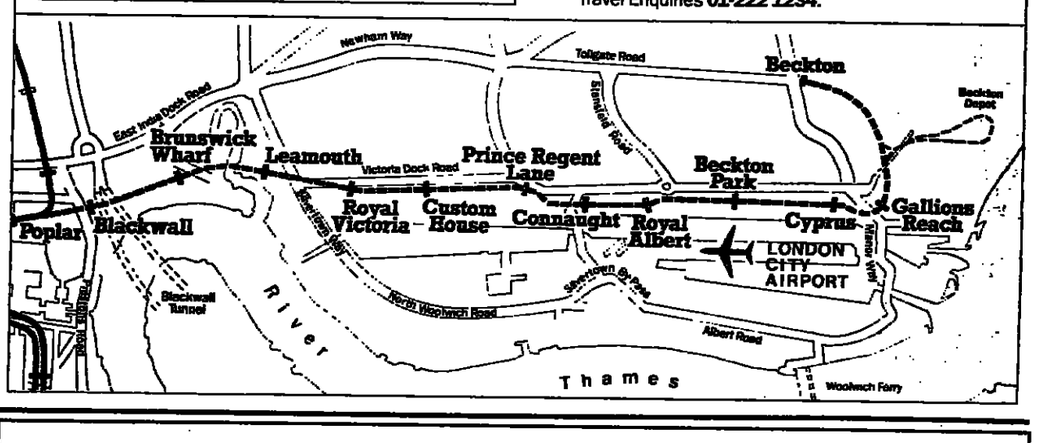
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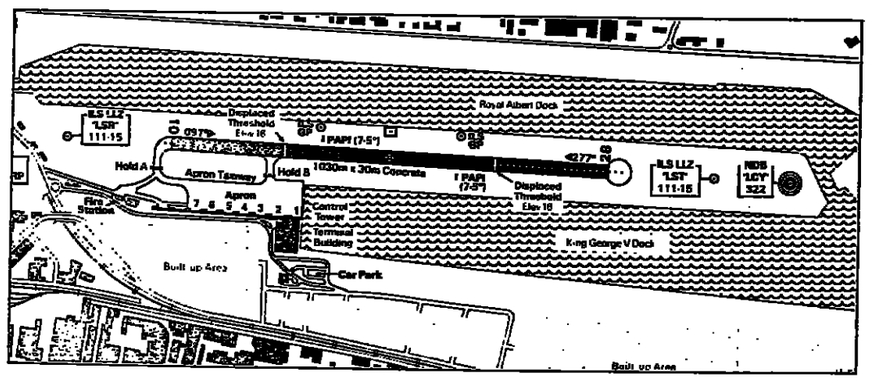
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Executive style

London City has nailed its colours to the mast as the airport for travelling executives. Almost 4,000 sq ft of its steel and glass passenger terminal is devoted to a business centre containing everything from conference rooms to high-tech office aids.

The centre, managed by British Telecom offshoot Network Nine, has meeting rooms suitable for presentations and video conferences, a boardroom with *en suite* executive dining and 10 "call offices" – self-contained one-man work areas. The centre will be fully operational from next month and will be open from 7.30am to 8.30pm, five days a week, with a full range of secretarial and translation services and business aids for the international executive.

Services will be provided primarily on a bureau basis, though regular users may join Network Nine's City Connection, which provides discounted access to the company's three other business centres for a yearly fee.

Network Nine's marketing manager Bill Blakemore expects roughly 5 per cent of London City's passengers to use the facility. "That may mean a modest throughput in the beginning, but when a million or more people are using the airport in five years' time we will be talking big numbers," he said.

Other LCA amenities have been designed to make the business traveller's journey as painless as possible. Car rental outlets will offer both self-drive and chauffeur-driven models, while Brymon Airways passengers will be able to pre-book vehicles in-flight.

London City's 4,000 sq ft landside retail complex includes a bank, a post office, a bureau de change, a florist, a newsagent and hotel reservation service. One more unusual tenant is estate management agent Savills, the first property company to take a concession desk at an airport.

Tax-free goods on sale will include gifts aimed especially at the business traveller. Passengers with time to spare can meanwhile unwind at the 100-seat London City Brasserie overlooking the runway and George V Dock, which promises to bake its own bread and croissants on the premises.

London City offers disabled travellers ramps and airside lifts. Despite its executive flavour, a mothers' room has been provided. As Eurocity Express's general manager Jonathon Wilson explains: "There's only one thing worse than sitting next to a screaming baby when you're waiting for a plane – sitting next to one that needs changing."

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The airport for a new generation, with facilities for the family and the businessman

Clients next door

The City's shift to the east as the resurgence of Docklands gathers pace has helped to create a buoyant doorstep market for London's newest airport.

City-to-city air travel within Europe looks certain to get a shot in the arm if the capital's bankers and brokers flock to sample a travel concept set to alter radically their existing foreign travel patterns. Lunch in the Quartier Latin topped and tailed by an hour behind the desk in Lombard Street should become a comfortable proposition if London City hits the mark, *writes Marion Cotter.*

International companies in the City are expected to emerge as the hard-core users. One such multinational with few doubts about the airport's amenity value is Barclays Bank, which intends to relocate its international and other divisions to the Isle of Dogs next Spring.

Barclays, whose London staff travel department spends £2.5 million a year on overseas air tickets, makes half a dozen bookings on Paris flights alone every week. "I can see our executives making extensive use of Stolport for short-haul trips," confirms Ted Robins, senior director for Barclays' London Eastern area.

The National Westminster is also positive. "Stolport will be a tremendous asset to the City. As far as we can see, it is spot-on," says the group's marketing manager for Docklands, David Brown.

Leading City accountancy firms are likely to use it extensively – although Colin Sharman, a senior partner with Peat Marwick McLintock, is loath to predict the extent to which financiers will switch their business travel patterns.

"Any new airport offering a new concept in air travel and located in an area of new development has to be a forecaster's nightmare," he says. "Its immediate success will depend on businessmen being weaned away from their existing routine and shown that flying in small aircraft from a small airport can be convenient, reliable and comfortable."

Clearly optimistic about LCA's business potential is Toby Joseph, sales development manager in Docklands for Pickfords – so far the only business travel agent to open an outlet in the Isle of Dogs.

He says: "Interest among our clients is enormous. With extended trading hours now commonplace, everyone is very excited about the possibility of going to the office before and after a day trip to the Continent."

LCA's chances of winning corporate customers west of the City are decidedly mixed. Shell UK's travel manager Jim Thomas believes Shell's Waterloo headquarters lies almost exactly on the dividing line between its natural catchment area and that of Heathrow.

"Staff travelling straight from home would almost certainly continue to use Heathrow or Gatwick, unless they live in Essex and find Docklands handy," he says. "Our high-density business traffic is to Amsterdam and Rotterdam and once London City is serving those points we will certainly take a closer look at it."

European businesses stand to reap the greatest benefits from using London City, as landing just 30 minutes away from the World Trade Centre and gaining an extra hour from the UK-Continent time difference is a big plus for Stolport.

Banque Bruxelles Lambert SA is one company whose executives commute frequently between the British and Belgian capitals. Most fly out the night before a meeting.

"We are a big spender on travel and obviously we would sooner save on hotel bills," says the bank's head of corporate finance Clive Christiansen. "My own feeling is that once the new airport is better served by public transport – and a water taxi service would be ideal for us – then we are all going to take a very close look at it."

Clearing the way for a cab ride to take-off

If the forecasters have got it right, taxis and private cars will ferry the lion's share of passengers to and from London City Airport, *writes Marion Cotter.*

Black cabs should take no more than 30 minutes to cover the six-mile hop between the terminal and the Square Mile, though taxis will also ply between London City and Plaistow Underground station, two miles away. Parking space for up to 650 cars is provided at the airport.

A new system of highways and spurs aimed at serving Docklands' burgeoning industry should be in place within five years, providing speedier alternatives. About £500 million of road schemes have already been scheduled or proposed in the area, including an underground stretch through Limehouse.

London City will also enjoy better road links to the north once the M11 extension into the Royal Docks is complete next year.

Final government approval for the scheme looks likely early next year, though the bridge's 500ft-high towers are already a contentious point with London City's two airlines. As well as posing a potential danger to incoming aircraft, the present design would virtually preclude bigger BAe-146 jets from using the airport and thus flatten the carriers' much-publicized hopes of significant future expansion.

Travellers reluctant to hail a cab from EC3 can instead catch the 787 bus – the London City Flightline. The 45-seater coaches now leave Victoria at 30-minute intervals, making stops en route at Cannon Street, Aldgate and All Saints – the airport's nearest point on the Docklands Light Railway. With City to airport fares of £2, the cost will be barely a quarter of the likely black cab fares.

Flightline's operators admit they may well have problems securing enough traffic if an expected three out of four air travellers opt for cars and taxis to reach London City.

Rail links should provide another dependable route to LCA. Silvertown station on the North London line lies just a 300-yard walk away from the terminal building. Trains call at both West Ham and Stratford, where connections can be made to the Central and District lines.

Plans for extending the Docklands Light Railway include no definite provision for a Stolport terminus, even though the railways's planned routing to Bank station by 1989 would provide an excellent City-to-airport link.

Passengers joining the line from their office will instead have to disembark at nearby Custom House, though whether a shuttle bus might be provided to and from the terminal is still unclear.

Jet-powered catamarans will ply the Thames between Chelsea harbour and Greenwich from next Spring, and the London Docklands Development Corporation is keen to secure a call at Barrier pier, a stone's throw from LCA.

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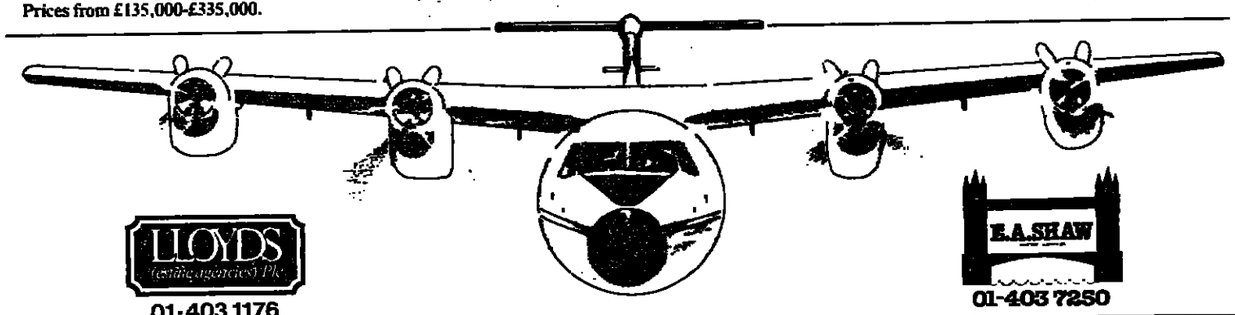
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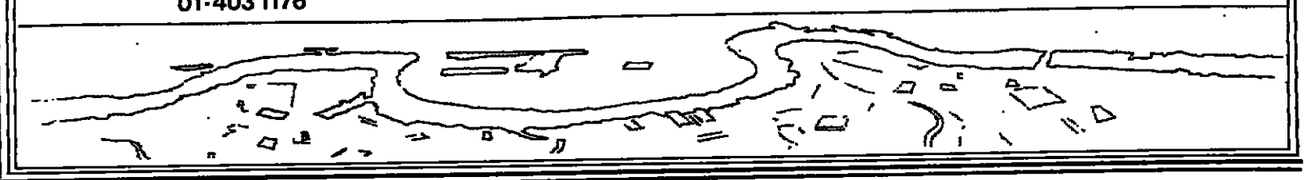
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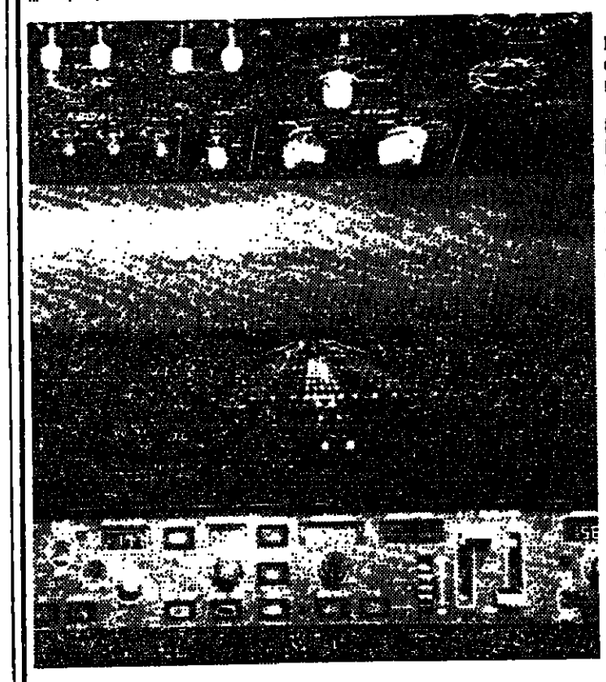
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GENERAL APPOINTMENTS

November 5, 1987

Peter Leslie: Graduates need to ask questions about themselves before applying for posts

A wise decision at the interview stage is vital



Peter Leslie, deputy chairman and managing director of Barclays, joined the bank in 1955 and spent the early part of his career abroad. He is chairman of the chief executive officers' committee of the Committee of London and Scottish Bankers and deputy chairman of the Export Guarantees Advisory Council

Reports of good graduates shunning the world of industry to join the City are legion. In this heady atmosphere, fed by high starting salaries and the oft quoted, but seldom experienced, golden hello, major graduate employers in the financial world have an increased responsibility to ensure that job offers are made to the right graduates, not just any bright graduate. Peter Leslie, deputy chairman and managing director of Barclays Bank, discusses how his organization recruits graduates for the main UK and international banking operations

How tempting it is for all of us to attract bright, young people into our organizations, regardless of doubts about the individual's business aptitude, numeracy, or his or her ability to fit into the corporate culture. Yet if we do not get the recruitment process right, and the subsequent career path afterwards, there will be a significant number of able but dissatisfied graduates regretting hastily made decisions on both their part and the employer's.

These people will need to make their career choices all over again, while the banks and City institutions will have wasted their training resources.

In my mind, it is incumbent upon the recruiter not only to glean as much information about the candidate as is feasible from the recruitment process, but to help him or her to make a wise decision by putting across openly, by means of brochure, video, meetings and the recruitment procedure itself, what working in the organization is actually like, and the what career prospects are available in it.

Graduates also need to ask questions about themselves which will help them choose the right work. Do I like working by myself, or in a group? Do I prefer time to sort problems out or am I at my best thinking on my feet? Am I a broad-brush or a small-print person? Is it profit or promotion that motivates me more?

A good recruitment procedure provides the graduates with the overall feel of the organization as well as the details of what it has to offer. We choose our interviewers not only on their proven ability to interview but also as representatives of the bank.

They have a dual task, to interview and be interviewed, to discover and to inform.

Recently recruited graduates also have an important part to play in this information-sharing process, in group discussions with the candidates, with whom they will be able to identify more easily than those of us who are older.

Our recruitment programme takes management time every single working day throughout March and April, and this is for the candidates who have already been filtered. Of the 2,700 candidates this year, 840 were given individual interviews and 350 of them reached the final two days.

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How to cope with a sifting that requires such a tight mesh? You have to start with a clear idea of what you are hiring the graduate for, and for the qualities required. Without this first step, everything thereafter lacks direction and purpose.

Recruitment techniques are then designed to discover these qualities. We use interviews, psychometric tests for ability and personality and, increasingly, group exercises. Research is going on into the validation of these different methods, though much more remains to be done.

However, it already seems clear that selection by interview alone is only marginally more accurate than judging candidates by handwriting or the stars.

Were it practicable within the selection process, we would like to see all candidates working in our environment and attacking the type of problem they will face. For they can have no clear idea of what they want to do in an organization until they have experienced work and jobs within it, and even those who have clear ideas sometimes change their minds.

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Grduates seeking employment normally and wisely start by studying the company's brochure. If I have a message to those who will be starting their career in 1988, it is to make sure that the selection procedures of the companies you are thinking of joining are professional and that they let you find out enough about your future employer before you make a commitment.

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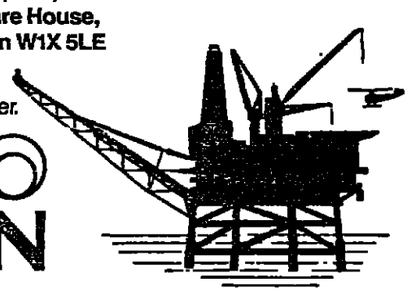
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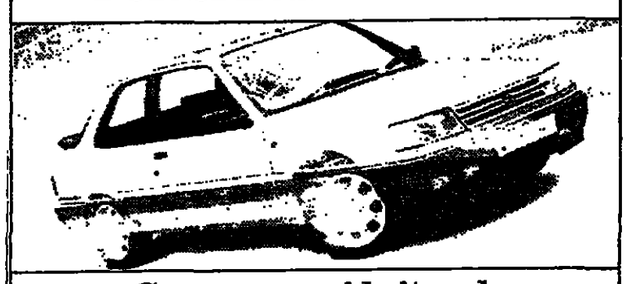
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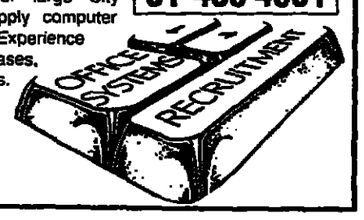
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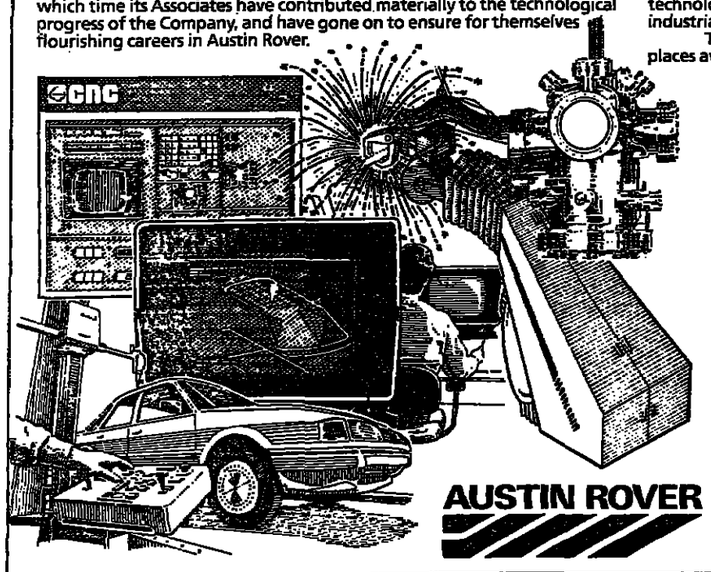
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Prime example of why British sports facilities lag behind those elsewhere

Princes remains uncrowned

By John Goodbody

When you are next on a plane taking off towards the west from Heathrow, glance to your left. A large gravel pit less than two miles from the airport has been landscaped into a pleasant lake with leafy surroundings.

This is Princes Club, which virtually started water-skiing in Britain and has also developed into a thriving sports centre with board-sailing, a gymnasium, eight squash courts and a membership of 2,200 people.

Plans to add a further complex with seven indoor and four outdoor tennis courts, four badminton courts, a restaurant, bars, changing rooms and other sports facilities have been frustrated by a failure to receive planning permission.

It is a striking example why the provision of sports facilities in Britain compared to many other countries is inadequate. The £20 million, five-year Indoor Tennis Initiative, jointly funded by the Government through the Sports Council, The Lawn Tennis Association, The All-England Club and local authorities has been launched because Britain is desperately short of just such facilities.



Model club: David Spyer, with the scheme that failed to get off the board (Photograph: Peter Trievnor)

Princes is not asking for any financial support. It would have raised the necessary £1.5 million itself for a centre that would have operated on a pay-and-play basis.

The project would have satisfied the ambition of David Spyer, the club's chairman, who has seen Princes develop from eight members using a floating corrugated iron clubhouse on Sunday mornings in the 1950s to its present situation, with daily use largely from people from the surrounding districts in an agreeable setting of trees and grass that the club has planted. The setting contrasts with an industrial estate on one side and a derelict gravel pit that has been disused for 40 years. Princes has staged many televised events, including European championships, on the 135-acre site, only 10 acres of which are not lake. Many of Britain's most distinguished water-skiers have been members of the club, including Karen Morse, the world championship silver medal winner, and Andy Mapple, the 1981 world slalom champion.

But Spyer says: "Water-skiing can only survive, let alone flourish, if there is more income from other activities. We need to reshape the lake and excavate the slalom course and we also need other back-up facilities. If you do not progress then you go back. Football has learnt that you must use the stadium more than once a week."

The proposed complex would have enabled Princes to stage the world championships by supplying the necessary facilities on land.

Princes, knowing the need for indoor tennis courts, was heartened by the fact that Hounslow had given planning permission for the David Lloyd Tennis Centre in Heston and hoped that its own enterprise in developing the gravel pit would be rewarded. Hounslow Council has on three occasions supported the venture but the Greater London Council (GLC) refused planning permisson as the club lies in the metropolitan greenbelt. With the abolition of the GLC, powers reverted to the local authority; the 1986 local elections ultimately meant changes in the composition of the local environmental planning committee, which finally voted against the project.

The issue went to a public inquiry last May and eventually to Nicholas Ridley, the Secretary of State for the Environment. The Government has now turned down the scheme largely on the ground that the complex is not a "predominantly open-air facility" as is permitted in the Greater London Development Plan.

It accepted that the David Lloyd Tennis Centre, also erected in the greenbelt, is an exception to the policy but does not regard this as a "good reason" to allow another large-scale building. The complex would have provided employment for a further 15 people — Princes already has a staff of 50, of whom 25 are full-time. But, the Government states, these factors were less important than the fact that the development would have been contrary to greenbelt policy.

It is of course ironic that the Department of the Environment should itself have sport as one of its other responsibilities. When the department hears the plea for more and better sports facilities for the ordinary people of Britain, it has got only itself to blame for failing to grant one of them.

SPORTS LETTERS

The case for tighter controls

From Mr Craig Pearman

Sir, Sadly, I think that the Senior Steward of the Jockey Club (*The Times*, October 31) has missed the thrust of the disquiet felt in many quarters following the Lester Piggott affair: disquiet which has been widely evidenced in the full spectrum of our national Press.

Most people interested in racing are well aware of the excellent job done by the various arms of the security services. From race winners being disqualified having eaten Mars bars through to the actions following the Flockton Grey scandal, we should be justifiably proud of and very supportive of the industry control system.

However, public disquiet centres on elements in the Jockey Club itself and its ability to act as vigorously within its own membership; here, there does appear to be prima-facie evidence of some shortcomings.

I refer to the much publicized letter from Henry Cecil's office to his patrons on the subject of extraordinary retainer payments for Lester Piggott. As I understand it, the Jockey Club investigated this matter; Henry Cecil was found to be in breach of Jockey Club regulations and duly fined a substantial sum.

It, however, now emerges that some stewards of the Jockey Club might have known of this breach of regulations long before any action was taken in relation to Henry Cecil.

If this is true, then it is a most serious matter. Any suggestion that there are differing standards in the administration of racing can lead only to a breakdown in the confidence in which the control of the sport is held.

In former times such a situation would have led to immediate resignations on a point of principle — modern ethics, I fear, may lead to an attitude more summarized by the title of Lord Fairhaven's piece: "Riding Out The Storm".

Yours faithfully,
CRAIG PEARMAN,
3 Pointers Close,
Chieveley,
Newbury, Berkshire.
November 2.

From Mr Michael Meadmore

Sir, "Piggott was, he may feel, unfortunate to be caught for offences that are commonplace in racing" writes David Miller in his plea for a return of moral principles in sport (October 30).

That plea, whose intent will have universal support, is hardly strengthened by Miller's muddle in equating Mr Piggott's offence with the "fixing" of football results, for which players were jailed in 1963.

Mr Piggott is, I believe, the first sportsman to be jailed for withholding tax, which he has now paid. Sympathy for him, which astonishes David Miller, derives from a feeling that he is being used by the tax authorities, whom, indirectly, he has benefited hugely, to concentrate the minds of all who fill in tax returns and that he would have co-operated fully, as other jockeys have since done, had he been more clearly warned of the consequences of not doing so.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL MEADMORE,
8 Pennard Road, London W12.
November 4.

Calling time on bouncers

From Mr Norton Goldie-Scot

Sir, Whatever the pros and cons of one-day cricket, how refreshing it is to watch a series without any bouncers! If they can be eliminated from the one-day game, surely it is not beyond the wit of man to eliminate them altogether, just as bodyline bowling was. A bouncer is designed to unsettle the batsman by putting him in fear of physical injury (which for a professional cricketer sometimes involves also loss of livelihood). What can be more contrary to the ethos of cricket? How appropriate it would be for cricket in a modest way to give a lead in reducing violence in the world!

I understand the cricketing authorities are working on it. I hope they will impose on themselves a deadline and seize an opportunity. The deadline, I suggest, must be the next tour of a national side to the West Indies, where certainly for England's 1986 tour the pitches exacerbated the problem; and the opportunity is the signal decline of the West Indies' fortunes in the one-day game.

If the authorities legislate against the bouncer now, they can no longer be accused of a desperate deed to break the West Indies' hegemony. In any case that nation of gifted cricketers can no doubt regain world leadership without recourse to the bouncer.

Yours faithfully,
NORTON GOLDIE-SCOT,
Home Place,
Limpsfield, Surrey.
October 29.

A plea for justice

From Mr George Ennor

Sir, The decision of the Football Association to allow the player, Butcher, to take part in an England international when he ought to be suspended from all games is nothing short of disgraceful.

The FA makes sanctimonious claims that it wants to see improved behaviour on the field of play and yet in this, and no doubt other, instances it chooses to turn a blind eye to conduct which would have landed the perpetrator in prison had it taken place on a public street.

The reason for this disgraceful decision is, as David Miller says (October 30), that Butcher's ability to play football may help the England team in Yugoslavia.

So we are clearly to conclude that if a player is good enough he can get away with anything he likes on a football field. What a scandalous attitude by those who are expected to set a proper example. Mr Millichip, the FA chairman, and his colleagues should resign in ignominious shame forthwith.

Yours faithfully,
GEORGE ENNOR,
59 Blenheim Road,
Horsham, Surrey. October 30.

Passing judgment

From Mr Iain McCallum

Sir, Watching Liverpool v Everton on television, I was again struck by how much energy and skill is expended by football players for so little reward in terms of goals.

That defences should so dominate is due partly to the use of the offside trap, but even more to the easy option of booting the ball back to the goalkeeper. All too often promising attacks are frustrated by this tactic, so that goalkeepers can spend more time retrieving back passes from their own players than saving shots from the opposition. Result — a boringly high proportion of scoreless draws or matches decided by a single goal.

Would not the balance be restored, and the game improved as a spectacle, by an addition to the laws stating simply that "a player may not deliberately pass the ball directly to his own goalkeeper"?

Yours faithfully,
IAIN McCALLUM,
Combesbury Farm,
Buckland St Mary,
Chard, Somerset.
November 1.

Let sanity return

From Mr Dennis Stringer

Sir, It is most surprising that the British Rugby Unions have decided to back the suspension of South Africa from the International Rugby Board (IRB) because of the Fijian tour.

The home unions have utilized the Gleneagles agreement to establish IRB as a mini-United Nations and thus having the jurisdiction over sports bodies and people.

British labour organizers, politicians, and ministers of religion can come collectively or individually to South Africa for as long as they like, support opposite viewpoints, and then return and express views for as long as they desire.

When a sportsman (or group) comes to South Africa and minds his own business and gets on with playing the game, he is subject to discipline and political interference.

The axiom appears to be: don't do as I do — do as I say.

When will sanity return to the world sporting arena again?

Yours sincerely,
DENNIS STRINGER,
15 Eagle Hill,
Yellow-Wood Park,
Durban, Natal, South Africa.

GOLF

Europe take on world

Most of the world's best players will be taking part in the World Championship of Golf, which starts today in Tokyo. The four teams — the United States, Australia and New Zealand, Europe and Japan — initially compete in a 54-hole round-robin competition, with the top two teams going through to Sunday's 18-hole final.

In today's matches, the United States, captained by Curtis Strange, this year's leading money-winner, face Europe, who are led by Ian Woosnam, of Britain. Australia and New Zealand meet Japan, the defending champions.

Besides Woosnam, the European team includes Bernhard Langer, of West Germany, Nick Faldo, Ken Brown and Sandy Lyle, of Britain.

Two points are awarded for an individual victory and one point for a draw. The winning team will receive $360,000 (about £207,000).

DRAW: First round: Japan v Australia and New Zealand; Europe v United States. Second round: United States v Australia and New Zealand; Japan v Europe. Third round: Australia and New Zealand v Europe; Japan v United States.

FISHING

US opposition to salmon-farming

By Conrad Voss Bark

An American fishing society with a long name — The Restoration of Atlantic Salmon in America (RASA) — has estimated that the production of farm salmon in fish farms in Norway, Scotland, Ireland and Canada amounts to some 50,000 tons a year. This is nearly six times the total world catch of wild salmon.

The society says that production plans in these four countries alone mean that by the year 2000 they could be producing about 150,000 farm salmon annually, providing demand keeps up.

The RASA believes that all commercial netting of wild salmon should be stopped and the fish reserved entirely for sport fishing. In America, it says, salmon are taken only by angling. Selling the catch is prohibited.

The RASA adds that Ireland and the United Kingdom should follow suit and abolish commercial salmon fishing. The society argues that this would vastly improve the tourist attractions of Scotland and Ireland and provide substantial income if there was a boom in salmon sport fishing.

The counter-argument to RASA, which would be put up by, among others, the fishery departments in Whitehall, is that if there is going to be a glut of farm salmon in years to come then there is no need for the United Kingdom to do anything. Netting of wild fish will phase itself out of its own accord. It will no longer be profitable.

Law Report November 5 1987

Misconceived grounds of appeal

Regina v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Yakub

Before Lord Justice Kerr, Lord Justice Russell and Sir Denys Buckley

[Judgment November 4]

Where the only point in an immigration appeal related to refusal to give leave to enter as a visitor to a person arriving at Heathrow and his subsequent removal, it was deplorable to bring in, on legal advice, other matters which were totally irrelevant and misconceived.

The court thought that such appeals were becoming too frequent and the legal aid authorities ought to take notice of it, although such merits as an appellant might have should not be allowed to be prejudiced by mistaken legal advice he received.

The Court of Appeal dismissed by consent an appeal by the applicant, Mr Mohammed Manzur Yakub, from an order of Mr Justice Simon Brown ([1986] Imm AR 491). The judge had dismissed Mr Yakub's substantive application for judicial review for an order of *certiorari* to quash the decision of the Secretary of State for the Home Department and for an order of *mandamus* directed to the secretary of state to reconsider Mr Yakub's application for a special voucher under paragraph 45 of *Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules* (HC 169) on the basis that he was entitled to it by being a United Kingdom passport holder and a British Overseas Citizen.

Mr Alper Riza, who did not appear below, for Mr Yakub; Mr David Pannick for the secretary of state.

LORD JUSTICE KERR said that Mr Yakub was born in Kenya in June 1960 and began to reside in Pakistan in about 1963. His brother was issued with a special voucher to settle in the UK and later he was granted indefinite leave to remain in the UK.

In May 1978 Mr Yakub applied for a special voucher to settle in the UK. In June 1981 he was notified that he did not qualify for that voucher, although Mr Yakub denied receiving that notification.

On May 3, 1984, Mr Yakub arrived at Heathrow airport from Pakistan and sought leave to enter as a visitor to visit his brother for a few months. He was refused leave on the ground that the immigration officer was not satisfied that Mr Yakub was only on a visit. But pursuant to section 11 of and paragraph 21 of Schedule 2 to the Immigration Act 1971, he was granted temporary leave.

His appeal to the secretary of state was dismissed on the ground that the secretary of state could not see any reason to disagree with the immigration officer.

In July 1984 directions were given for Mr Yakub's removal from the UK and he was notified of that. He moved for leave for judicial review. Mr Justice Hodgson granted him leave; but the application for judicial review was dismissed by Mr Justice Simon Brown.

All those proceedings were concerned with refusal of leave to enter the UK as a visitor and had nothing to do with Mr Yakub's application for a special voucher. There was no basis on which the refusal to grant a special voucher in 1981 could be challenged in 1984.

By the grounds of appeal it was contended, *inter alia*, that the secretary of state did not apply the correct test as to whether or not Mr Yakub was entitled to a special voucher under paragraph 45 of the *Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules* and that Mr Yakub's contention would be that the judge failed to apply the correct test in determining whether the secretary of state had erred in law under the *Wednesbury* principle of reasonableness ([1948] 1 KB 223) in refusing Mr Yakub a special voucher.

The court could not be concerned with the issue of a special voucher which was a discretionary matter. Mr Yakub was a legally aided person. It seemed that legal aid was granted on the basis of Mr K. S. Nathan's advice which, it was thought, was totally misconceived.

Lord Justice Russell and Sir Denys Buckley gave concurring judgments.

Solicitors: Aziz Twambley, Manchester; Treasury Solicitor.

Delay in immigration case deplored

In re Uddin's application

Before Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Neill and Lord Justice Ralph Gibson

[Judgment October 28]

Since it was a matter of the highest priority that immigration appeals were dealt with quickly those responsible for the grant or refusal of legal aid should make special arrangements to avoid delay when dealing with applications for legal aid in these cases.

The Court of Appeal so stated when declining to dismiss the applicant's appeal, there having been no failure to comply with Order 59, rule 9(1) of the Rules of the Supreme Court.

Miss Azeb Butler for the applicant.

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that the case raised a serious matter in relation to legal aid. It was an immigration matter in which the applicant had been refused leave to enter the United Kingdom.

That decision had been made on May 14, 1986 which was a long time ago. The matter then went before a single judge in the Crown Office List on January 16, 1987. Thereafter the applicant sought to appeal.

But his Lordship was concerned with events since then because it was unacceptable for an immigration appeal to take from January until November and still not be capable of being called on because the applicant did not know the position about legal aid.

That was in his Lordship's view unacceptable since it was a matter of the highest priority that immigration appeals were brought on very quickly by all concerned. It was in the highest degree unfortunate that the legal aid authorities who had promptly granted legal aid limited to the notice of appeal and counsel's opinion were not furnished with that opinion, which was the responsibility of the solicitors, until July 27.

The court had been told that some substantial part of that delay had been caused by the solicitors having to send the opinion to different solicitors instructed in a related case.

Thereafter, the applicant heard nothing further from the legal aid area office. On September 10, in response to the applicant's inquiries the area office stated that the applicant's case was on all fours with another legal aid application currently under appeal to the area committee and that until the outcome of that appeal, the area office would not grant further legal aid to the applicant.

His Lordship set out the terms of the letter. He said that the position was therefore that months were going by while a different applicant, whose case was presumed to be on all fours with the present applicant's, was determined and as a result of which the present applicant either would obtain legal aid or would have to start again from scratch.

His Lordship's purpose was to emphasize that those responsible for granting or refusing legal aid must make special arrangements for dealing with applications in such cases. The leisurely progress disclosed by the circumstances of this case was not to continue.

Lord Justice Neill and Lord Justice Ralph Gibson agreed.

Solicitors: Suriya & Co, Stepney.

Meaning of 'building' for tenants' association

Regina v London Rent Assessment Panel, Ex parte Trustees of Henry Smith's Charity Estate

Before Mr Justice Schiemann

[Judgment October 21]

The "building" with reference to which a recognized tenants' association was formed under section 29(1)(b) of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1985 was a building or buildings under the same service charge regime.

Mr Justice Schiemann so held in the Queen's Bench Division in granting an application by the Trustees of Henry Smith's Charity Estate for judicial review of a refusal of the London Rent Assessment Panel to cancel a certificate of recognition of a tenants' association.

Mr Robert Bailey-King for the applicant; Mr Robert Jay for the panel.

MR JUSTICE SCHIEMANN said that it was clear from the legislation that no tenant in one block had the right to be consulted in respect of any proposed charges in any other block.

The purpose of the provisions relating to associations was to permit a number of tenants, each of whom was given rights under the provisions, to exercise those rights through the medium of the association which could exercise those rights on behalf of the tenants concerned.

The building to which reference was made in section 20 was the building upon which it was proposed to carry out works. At the time when a certificate was applied for under section 29(1) of the 1985 Act it might well not be known what works would be needed during the next months.

It seemed to his Lordship to accord with the scheme of the legislation for recognized tenants' associations to be formed for each block of flats with its own service charge regime.

In the present case there was no such identity of service regimes either in terms of services supplied or charges payable. In such a case it was not permissible under section 29(1) to grant the certificate and the chairman of the panel had erred in not reconsidering his refusal to cancel.

Solicitors: Denton Hall Burgin & Warrens; Treasury Solicitor.

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RACING: WEST COUNTRY CHASER FANCIED TO OVERHAUL FRONT-RUNNING HYPNOSIS IN FASCINATING KEMPTON CLASH

Prideaux Boy can make experience tell

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Visitors to Kempton Park this afternoon have a real treat in store when Hypnosis takes on Prideaux Boy in the Standard Life Novices' Chase.

While conceding that Prideaux Boy was certainly the better over hurdles, I still feel that Hypnosis will take a great deal of catching if he jumps well in this, his first steeplechase.

A confirmed front-runner who has always run his best races when fresh, he could prove very hard to peg back following that runaway win over hurdles on the same track last month.

However, the fact remains that Hypnosis never finished fourth in the Champion Hurdle or sixth for that matter. Nor did he win the very valuable Swinton Insurance Brokers Hurdle at Haydock.

Prideaux Boy did all three, besides winning the Mecca Handicap Hurdle at Sandown and the Champion Hurdle Trial at Wolverhampton.

More importantly now, Prideaux Boy has already won over fences this season and the experience gained at Wincanton last month could turn out to be crucial this afternoon when he is sent in pursuit of Hypnosis.

All in all I think that Prideaux Boy has the class to win, assuming that Hypnosis does not succeed in giving him the slip. As a race it is one to savour rather than bet upon.

Mrs Muck, another who took quite high rank over hurdles, runs over fences for the third time in the Tattersalls Mares Only Novices' Chase.

Her two chases so far have had very different endings. She won the first at Cheltenham easily enough but fell the next time she ran there. At no stage of that race did her jumping inspire confidence.



David Elsworth: gives Hypnosis his first run over fences

In selecting her to win now, I am giving her a second chance, mindful of the fact that she did beat Woodland View by 16 lengths when they met before four weeks ago.

Today's nap is **Biloxi Blues** in the Vauxhall Novices' Hurdle. Sixth to Tartan Tailor in the Waterford Crystal Supreme Novices' Hurdle at Cheltenham in March, he subsequently changed hands for 60,000 guineas at Punchestown in April.

Discussing his purchase yesterday, Kim Bailey told me that the five-year-old had done a lot of strong work, that he is in a different class to most of his horses and that he will be very disappointed if he is beaten this afternoon. Encouragement from trainers does not come much stronger than that.

Factotum, who ran well to finish second to the smart *Hills Pageant on his hurdling* debut at Cheltenham this autumn looks a decent bet to win the first division of the Southern Cross Novices' Hurdle at Stratford, especially as Reg Akehurst's stable is in such good form.

I also like the look of **Bob Tisdall** in the De Vere Hotels Novices' Chase following that emphatic win on the course 12 days ago.

Stable and galloping companion **Mountain Crash** can complete a double for trainer John Edwards and jockey Tom Morgan by winning the Archie Scott Memorial Gold Cup.

At Hamilton, I fancy Gay Kelleway's chance of winning the Murray Handicap on her father's filly, **Lily Mab**, who was beaten only a neck by the useful Dayajeer at Leicester last time.

Master Palehouse (1.15, Cauthen) and **Gem Of Gold** (1.45, Eddery) could be one apiece for the jockeys' title protagonists.

KEMPTON PARK

Selections

By Mandarin

1.00 Landing Board.
1.30 Princess Semele.
2.00 Prideaux Boy.
2.30 Mrs Muck.
3.00 Bigee.
3.30 **BILOXI BLUES (nap).**

By Michael Seely

2.00 Prideaux Boy. 2.30 Mrs Muck.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.30 BILOXI BLUES.

Going: good

1.0 UXBRIDGE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (£2,380: 2m 4f) (6 runners)

101 12200-0 **ROUSPETER** 15 (CD,G,S) (E Young) D Nicholson 10-11-10 ..... W Humphreys 96
102 132331 **BRAVE HUSSAR** 13 (D,F,G,S) (S Glazer) R Curtis 9-11-8 (10ex) ..... D Morris ● 99
103 41040-1 **LANDING BOARD** 22 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs P Harris) P Harris 9-10-12 ..... D Skyrme 96
105 4PU-223 **ROYAL TO DO** 12 (D,F,G,S) (J Sumner) T Forster 11-10-5 ..... C Llewellyn 96
106 0F3-122 **VALENTINOS JOY** 26 (F,G) (G Oldroyd) G Oldroyd 8-10-4 ..... W Stephens (5) 94
109 40112-3 **CELAIR** 10 (G,S) (Miss L Kent) R Hoad 5-10-0 ..... M Hoad 87

BETTING: 6-4 Brave Hussar, 5-2 Valentinos Joy, 7-2 Landing Board, 9-2 Royal To Do, 14-1 others.

1986: ROUSPETER 9-10-13 W Humphreys (4-1) D Nicholson 10 ran

FORM BRAVE HUSSAR (10-7) ridden out *from last to beat Maiya Mel* (11-6) 6l at Newbury (2m 4f, £5655, good, Oct 23, 5 ran). LANDING BOARD (12-4) made winning reappearance when beating Permabos (10-12) a short head at Wetherby (2m 4f 100yd, £2595, good, Oct 14, 12 ran). Last season (10-3) got up close home to beat ROUSPETER (11-5) ¾l at Doncaster (2m 4f, £2725, good to firm, Mar 14, 8 ran). ROUSPETER (10-10) in need of outing when a well beaten 8th to Music Be Magic (10-12) at Cheltenham (2m 4f, good to soft). ROYAL TO DO (10-7) no extra from last when 4l 3rd to Indamelody (11-10) at Stratford (2m 6f, £3296, good to soft, Oct 24, 9 ran). VALENTINOS JOY (10-10) one pace on flat when 2¾l 2nd to Bartinas Star (11-7) at Uttoxeter (2m 4f, £2145, soft, Oct 10, 9 ran).

Selection: ROUSPETER

1.30 SPRIG THREE YEAR OLD NOVICE HURDLE (£2,119: 2m) (22 runners)

202 21113 **KINGSWOOD RESOPAL** 15 (B,F) (J Joseph) D Elsworth 11-0 ..... C Brown —
203 P0 **ALEXA'S BOY** 8 (J Weakes) M Tompkins 10-10 ..... D Morris (4) —
204 **ANOTHER LUCAS** (L Lucas) Mrs A Knight 10-10 ..... George Knight —
207 00 **COURT COMMAND** 8 (W Mann) G Gracey 10-10 ..... J Duggan —
210 00 **DONOSTI** 10 (Lady R Stuart-Wortley-Hunt) Miss L Bower 10-10 ..... R Rowell —
211 **FE** (M Ritzenberg) F Winter 10-10 ..... P Scudamore —
212 3 **FLUTEAU** 19 (S Tindall) S Mellor 10-10 ..... G Landau —
213 F **NOFFA** 22 (Mrs D Haine) Mrs D Haine 10-10 ..... G Mernagh —
214 00 **JACK LAPPER** 8 (A Walton) R Hoad 10-10 ..... M Hoad (7) —
215 **LINE OF SUCCESSION** (D Gallyer) R Akehurst 10-10 ..... D McKeown (4) —
216 **LOOSE RUCK** (W Joyce) J Pearce 10-10 ..... J McLaughlin —
218 **OLD EROS** (P Charter) R Williams 10-10 ..... A Carroll —
221 P **RAPSCALLION** 82 (D Badham) J Jenkins 10-10 ..... S Sherwood —
228 **VAIGLY BLAZED** (L Spencer) C Horgan 10-10 ..... E Murphy —
229 **WELLINGTON BROWN** (M Hulse) K Ivory 10-10 ..... M Richards —
230 0 **YOUNG MORETON** 19 (M Anam) A Turnell 10-10 ..... I Lawrence (7) —
232 1122 **PRINCESS SEMELE** 19 (D,BF,F) (Otterdawn Asso Ltd) M Pipe 10-9 ..... J Lower —
233 1 **RUSSIAN LULLABY** 13 (V,D,G) (Mrs Y Sivitar) Mrs S Oliver 10-9 ..... R Hyett —
234 **CHURCH STAR** 22 (J Bridger) J Bridger 10-5 ..... G Moore —
235 **DREEMSKERRY** (J Bailey) A Ingham 10-5 ..... S McNeill —
236 **FOLLY GALE** (Mrs A Upsdell) Mrs C Reavey 10-5 ..... B Wright —
237 P **HAMRAHI** 15 (Mrs C Charlet) C Charlet 10-5 ..... S Woods (7) —

BETTING: 7-2 Princess Semele, 9-2 Kingswood Resopal, 6-1 Fe, Rapscallion, 7-1 Old Eros, 8-1 Fluteau, 10-1 Young Moreton, 12-1 Russian Lullaby, 16-1 others.

1986: ASTRAL 10-3 Dale McKeown (14-1) R Smyth 11 ran

FORM KINGSWOOD RESOPAL (11-3) 19l 3rd to Calepsez (11-3) in best juvenile event to date, at Cheltenham (2m, £1618, good to soft, Oct 21, 11 ran) and would have finished closer but for hitting last. ALEXA'S BOY (10-10) and HAMRAHI (10-10) were pulled up. FLUTEAU (10-9) one paced 12l 3rd to Combermere (10-9) on Kempton debut (2m, £2208, good to soft, Oct 17, 19 ran) with YOUNG MORETON (10-9) was 15l 6th, DONOSTI (10-6) 8th and COURT COMMAND 14th. PRINCESS SEMELE (11-2) went down by short head to Daffodil (11-2) at Bangor, the pair a distance clear of remainder (2m 80yd, £700, soft, Oct 17, 11 ran). RUSSIAN LULLABY, made favourite for eighteen runner Ludlow event on debut, (10-7) beat Lady Of Bath (10-7) 3l (2m, £822, good, Oct 23).

Selection: PRINCESS SEMELE

2.0 STANDARD LIFE NOVICE CHASE (£2,360: 2m) (9 runners)

302 11400-1 **PRIDEAUX BOY** 21 (F,G,S,D) (C Roach) C Roach 5-11-6 ..... M Bowlby ● 99
303 P-4U143 **SAINT MALO** 36 (D,F) (Mrs B Taylor) M McCourt 5-11-4 ..... P Scudamore 68
304 323/0P4- **AMRULLAH** 204 (T Thorn) J Bridger 7-11-2 ..... G Moore 98
306 12P/000- **CELTIC FLAME** 264 (F,G) (Mrs G Godfrey) P Harris 5-11-2 ..... D Skyrme (7) —
307 0 **FAROLITO** 45 (F) (L Bowman) L Bowman 8-11-2 ..... E McKinley (4) —
308 04010-1 **HYPNOSIS** 19 (F,G,S) (Maj G Snell) D Elsworth 8-11-2 ..... C Brown —
309 0440/P0- **MAJORIAN** 164 (M Collins) M Collins 9-11-2 ..... B Wright —
311 **RARE MONARCH** 1672 (Mrs J French) Mrs J French 9-11-2 ..... Miss S French —
312 0U0/3P-P **SHALLAAL** 21 (D Davies) R Hoad 8-11-2 ..... M Hoad (7) —

BETTING: 7-4 Prideaux Boy, 5-2 Hypnosis, 10-1 Saint Malo, 12-1 Amrullah, 16-1 others.

1986: (3m) BALLYMULLISH 6-11-2 E Murphy (10-11 Fav) J Gifford 4 ran

FORM PRIDEAUX BOY (11-1) impressive on chasing debut when beating Lucky Fen (11-1) 12l at Wincanton (2m, £1202, good, Oct 15, 10 ran). SAINT MALO (11-2) best judged on a neck beating of Asmid (11-11) at Worcester (2m, £1593, good to firm, Sept 12, 18 ran). AMRULLAH (10-2) ended last season with a 6l 4th to Barryphilips Disco (10-0) at Ascot (2m 4f, £12154, good, Apr 15, 10 ran). HYPNOSIS looks the type to make a chaser - on seasonal debut (11-10) made all to beat Gaye Brief (11-0) 5l over hurdles here (2m, £4526, good to soft, Oct 17, 7 ran).

Selection: PRIDEAUX BOY

2.30 TATTERSALLS MARES ONLY NOVICE CHASE (£1,882: 2m 4f) (7 runners)

401 241-213 **WOODLAND VIEW** 28 (D,F) (Mrs D Hammerson) P Jones 8-11-6 ..... C Llewellyn (4) 80
402 3012-1F **MRS MUCK** 15 (D,BF,G,S) (N Twiston-Davies) N Twiston-Davies 6-11-1 .... P Scudamore ● 99
403 P0/P-P **BALTIC CALL** 9 (Miss N Berry) Miss N Berry 7-10-10 ..... Mrs N Ledger —
404 0F420F- **CHANNEL BREEZE** 174 (W Kavanagh) E Wheeler 7-10-10 ..... G Landau 75
405 301310- **COLONIAL CHARM** 198 (S) (M Clohessy) O Sherwood 7-10-10 ..... S Sherwood —
407 F/42003- **LUCKY GOLD** 252 (S) (P Taplin) Miss L Bower 10-10-10 ..... R Rowell 81
409 00P0-0 **NARCONE** 6 (E Gleadall) W Kemp 6-10-10 ..... S Shilston —

BETTING: 10-11 Mrs Muck, 3-1 Colonial Charm, 7-2 Woodland View, 12-1 Lucky Gold, 25-1 others.

1986: (2m) EVENING SONG 7-11-0 Mr P Townsley (10-1) Mrs P Townsley 11 ran

FORM MRS MUCK, racing over an inadequate trip of 2m when a Cheltenham faller, had made a winning debut over 2m 4f there (10-11), when dual Plumpton scorer WOODLAND VIEW (11-1) was beaten 16l into 3rd (£4006, good, Oct 8, 9 ran). COLONIAL CHARM (11-6) 5th in a novices hdle to Young River (10-12) at Chepstow (3m, £1303, good, Apr 21, 19). Comes from a good stable, and has scope to do well over fences. LUCKY GOLD (10-10) 3rd beaten 40l by Evening Song (11-1) at Folkestone (2m 4f, nov ch, soft, Feb 26, 13 ran).

Selection: MRS MUCK

3.0 STANDARD LIFE HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,716: 2m 4f) (11 runners)

501 412P04- **COMANDANTE** 197 (G,S) (M Pinto) J Gifford 5-11-10 ..... E Murphy 84
502 410/130- **BIGEE** 341 (CD,F,G,S) (P Kearney) J Sayers 5-11-8 ..... P Double 96
504 41300- **THE A TRAIN** 217 (G,S) (M Oberstein) Mrs J Pitman 5-11-5 ..... M Pitman 85
505 P001-4F **POWERLESS** 19 (F,G,S) (P Rabi) K Bailey 5-11-3 ..... P Croucher 85
507 1143-0 **PROBLEM CHILD** 8 (G) (Lord McAlpine) R Smyth 4-11-1 ..... H Jenkins 91
509 343000 **SWIFT WARRIOR** 12 (G) (W Hargreaves) K Cunningham-Brown 6-10-13 ..... G Bradley —
511 123F34- **DEEP IMPRESSION** 565 (G,S) (N Mills) N Gaselee 8-10-9 ..... P Scudamore —
512 1203F1- **WINNING DANCER** 205 (S) (J Stuart-Wortley-Hunt) Miss L Bower 4-10-4 ..... R Rowell ● 99
513 3P2/PP0- **CIMABUE** 204 (G) (H&H Removals Ltd) G Enright 6-10-0 ..... M Perrett —
515 00/1P0-0 **DON PIPER** 19 (F) (P Pansyn) J Jenkins 5-10-0 ..... S Sherwood —
516 02/000-0 **IN THE BREEZE** 9 (F) (J Batchelor) P Howling 6-10-0 ..... G Weaver (7) —

BETTING: 5-2 Problem Child, 7-2 Deep Impression, 9-2 Swift Warrior, 6-1 The A Tram, 8-1 Comandante, 10-1 Bigee, 12-1 Winning Dancer, 20-1 others.

1986: BIGEE 5-11-3 P Double (10-1) J Sayers 12 ran

FORM COMANDANTE, was an outsider when pulled up in the Champion hurdle, finished last season with a 7l 4th (11-8) to Teletrader (11-9) at Cheltenham (2m, £10742, firm, Apr 22, 14 ran). BIGEE has had just two outings since winning this race last year (11-3), unchallenged, by 25l from Pegwell Bay (11-10) (£2679, good, Nov 6, 12 ran). THE A TRAIN is well regarded: best effort of last term a 7½l 3rd (11-5) to Protection (11-5) in a good novice event at Sandown (2m, £3455, good, Feb 6, 26 ran) with COMANDANTE (11-0) 5l away 4th. POWERLESS has been novice chasing, this season. Last outing over hurdles saw ¾l Devon victory (11-1) over Tight Turn (10-6) (2m 1f, £2820, hard, May 4, 8 ran). PROBLEM CHILD, tailed off on reappearance, had won two novice events by this time in 1986, the latter (11-5) by 10l from Ricmar (11-0) at Newbury (2m100yd, £1417, good, Nov 5, 15 ran). WINNING DANCER had soft ground for Folkestone victory and (11-6) when beating Hope Diamond (10-10) 2l at Devon final start (2m1f, £841, soft, Apr 14, 16 ran).

Selection: BIGEE

3.30 VAUXHALL NOVICE HURDLE (£2,318: 2m 4f) (22 runners)

606 4- **ADBURY** 362 (Roy Bishop & Son Ltd) R Smyth 4-10-10 ..... H Jenkins —
607 **AWAY WE GO** 341 (J Payne) J Jenkins 5-10-10 ..... S Sherwood —
608 00/10-0 **BECTIVE BOY** 16 (F) (M Pinto) Miss L Bower 5-10-10 ..... R Rowell —
610 022/00- **BILOXI BLUES** 233 (S) (R Glider) K Bailey 5-10-10 ..... P Croucher ● 99
612 0300/43- **BRUNI BABY** 342 (P Kearney) A Turnell 5-10-10 ..... Steve Knight 75
613 3 **CHUCKLESTONE** 15 (J Short) J King 4-10-10 ..... S McNeill 87
615 0- **DENSLADS** 198 (M Ferrett) P Hedger 5-10-10 ..... M Richards —
616 **DINNY WALSH** 185 (S) (M Shone) J Edwards 6-10-0 ..... P Scudamore —
617 P0- **E ZOE MOU** 228 (P Chrisolorou) P Butler 6-10-10 ..... —
618 0-0 **FAIR DANIEL** 8 (J Duggan) Mrs J Pitman 5-10-10 ..... M Perrett —
619 **FARM WEEK** 314 (Lord Chelwode) G Balding 5-10-10 ..... G Bradley —
620 F0P-20 **FIRE REFINED** 15 (P Bonner) Mrs J Pitman 4-10-10 ..... M Pitman 77
622 **FREE AGENT** (Mrs R Lacy) J Gifford 4-10-10 ..... E Murphy —
625 0000FP/ **GRAHAMES PADDY** 688 (G Dedman) Mrs P Townsley 7-10-10 ..... Mr P Townsley —
631 P **MAORI POP** 9 (V) (M Deasley) T M Jones 7-10-10 ..... D McKeown (4) —
636 040- **ROYAL GOSSIP** 199 (J Sumner) Mrs I McKie 5-10-10 ..... A Webb 81
637 **SLALOM** 203 (S) (Mrs M Russell) M Robinson 6-10-10 ..... J White —
638 403/ **SOUTHERN STORM** 657 (Mrs M Bevan) B Wise 5-10-10 ..... M Furlong —
639 PP **STEVE'S BOY** 21 (Tony Smith) R Curtis 7-10-10 ..... R Goldstein —
640 30/00-02 **THE CURATE** 33 (Mrs P Hargreaves) Mrs P Hargreaves 9-10-10 ..... C Llewellyn (4) 73
642 0024-00 **DODDYCROSS** 9 (T Hallett) T Hallett 5-10-5 ..... D Morris (4) 77
643 0-0 **HUMBLE LADY** 16 (C Weedon) C Weedon) 5-10-5 ..... A Jones —

BETTING: 3-1 Chucklestone, 9-2 Biloxi Blues, 5-1 Away We Go, 6-1 Dinny Walsh, 7-1 Adbury, 8-1 Free Agent, 10-1 The Curate, 12-1 Farm Week, 16-1 others.

1986: YEOMAN BROKER 5-10-10 R Rowe (5-4 fav) J Gifford 13 ran

FORM ADBURY, favourite on debut last season at Windsor (2m 30yd, £810, good, Nov 8, 20 ran) when (10-10) one paced 22l 4th to Arrow Express (10-10), with FIRE REFINED (10-10) fading when fell two fences home. BILOXI BLUES finished last season with excellent effort in Supreme Novices Hurdle at Cheltenham, (11-8) running 7l 6th to Tarran Tailor (11-8) (2m, Grade 1, £23190, good, Mar 17, 20 ran). CHUCKLESTON, outpaced halfway on debut over 2m at Cheltenham when (11-0) beaten 3l into 3rd by Tebrito (11-4) (£1688, good to soft, Oct 21, 18 ran). ROYAL GOSSIP'S best effort of three last season was (11-0) 7½l 4th to Bajes (11-0) at Sandown (2m, £2041, good, Mar 13, 18 ran).

Selection: BILOXI BLUES

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
J Edwards	7	25	28.0
S Mellor	6	27	22.2
F Winter	20	101	19.8
N Gaselee	6	33	18.2
Mrs J Pitman	5	30	16.7
J Gifford	13	99	13.1

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
S Shilston	7	37	18.9
S Sherwood	8	53	15.1
P Scudamore	23	183	12.6
Steve Knight	6	68	8.8
C Brown	8	92	8.7

Only qualifiers

HAMILTON PARK

Selections

By Mandarin

1.15 Master Palehouse.
1.45 Gem Of Gold.
2.15 Bank View.
2.45 Winnies Luck.
3.15 Lily Mab.
3.45 Another Nonsense.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

1.15 **MASTER PALEHOUSE (nap).**
1.45 Mrs Darling.
2.15 Les Chin.
2.45 Crown Justice.
3.15 Cashmere N Caviar.
3.45 Norwich Castle.

Going: soft
Draw: middle to high numbers best in sprints

1.15 BIRNIE HILL MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £1,017: 6f) (15 runners)

1 (8) 00 **CEDAR SHELL** 34 (G B Turnbull Ltd) M Camacho 9-0 ..... N Connorton 91
2 (13) 00 **CESTRIAN PRINCE** 59 (G Corbett) S Norton 9-0 ..... J Lowe 70
3 (7) 4 **MASTER PALEHOUSE** 44 (P Jackson) P Kelleway 9-0 ..... S Cauthen ● 99
4 (14) 000 **MY SWAN SONG** 23 (M Ferretti) J P Smith 9-0 ..... M Wigham —
5 (2) 023400 **THOMAS LENG** 16 (M Brittain) M Brittain 9-0 ..... K Darley 98
6 (3) 022301 **VALTAKI** 1 (K Al-Said) N Callaghan 9-0 ..... NON-RUNNER —
7 (9) **AETHON** (C Dennis) D Chapman 8-9 ..... J Carroll (5) —
8 (10) **C TEE LADY** (Caimac Ltd) A W Jones 8-9 ..... T Williams —
9 (12) 00 **FYRISH** 20 (D Dunbar) M W Easterby 8-9 ..... M Hindley 89
10 (6) 0 **HOWDY** (F Warner) K Stone 8-9 ..... M Birch —
11 (5) 03 **MISS SAMANTHA** 17 (C Armstrong) R Stubbs 8-9 ..... D Nicholls —
12 (11) 00 **O K SANDRA** 8 (T Butcher) N Bycroft 8-9 ..... G Carter —
13 (1) 4 **TEEMING SHORE** 17 (T Rooney) M Prescott 8-9 ..... G Duffield —
14 (4) 0 **VERONICA'S FRIEND** 17 (Miss H Scrope) J Shaw 8-9 ..... Paul Eddery —
15 (15) 0 **WARMCO FIRESTAR** 8 (Capt L Howard) S Kettlewell 8-9 ..... S Webster —
16 (10) 000000 **WARMCO FIRESTAR** 8 (Capt L Howard) S Kettlewell 8-9 ..... Miss

BETTING: 6-4 Master Palehouse, 3-1 Cedar Shell, 4-1 Thomas Leng, 6-1 Teeming Shore, 10-1 Miss Saman, 14-1 Fyrish, 16-1 Cestrian Prince, *20-1 others.*

1986: EL REY 8-11 R Lines (9-2) W Hastings-Bass 13 ran

1.45 FINAL SPRINT HANDICAP (£1,387: 5f) (18 runners)

3 (4) 000000 **SULLY'S CHOICE** 8 (D,F,G,S) (W Chapman) D Chapman 8-9-10 ..... J Carroll (5) 89
4 (11) 020400 **HARRY HULL** 37 (CD,BF,G) (M W Easterby) M W Easterby 4-9-9 ..... A Culhane (5) 93
5 (12) 402000 **STELBY** 20 (D,F) (V Sassie) O Brennan 3-9-7 ..... J Lowe 93
6 (2) 100000 **DENSBEN** 24 (CD,G,S) (Mrs J Pike) Denys Smith 3-9-4 ..... S Cauthen 90
8 (16) 000040 **SWISS CONNECTION** 10 (V) (H Hutton) R Hutchinson 3-9-3 ..... R Lines (3) 97
9 (5) 2-440 **MRS DARLING** 22 (Lord Carnarvon) W Hastings-Bass 3-9-2 ..... G Bardwell (5) 90
10 (10) 000400 **TARANGA** 10 (V,C,S) (S Squires) K Ivory 4-9-1 ..... T Sprake (7) 93
11 (1) 340000 **SHANOUSKA** 24 (S) (A Fowler) J S Wilson 7-8-8 ..... L Riggio (7) —
13 (7) 0004 **PARISIAN GIRL** 17 (M O'Brien) E Alston 4-8-6 ..... Pat Eddery ● 99
15 (18) 0-00001 **GEM OF GOLD** 7 (S) (C Oxborough) J Douglas-Home 4-8-6 (7ex) ..... K Darley 93
16 (14) 000200 **METROMAN** 8 (D,F) (M Brittain) M Brittain 3-8-5 ..... G Hind (7) 92
17 (3) 003021 **SHARI LOUISE** 6 (B,D,F,G,S) (Dr S Forster) J Spearing 4-8-1 (7ex) ..... G Hind (7) 95
19 (8) 200300 **STEVEJAN** 24 (D,F) (K Drewry) B Morgan 5-7-12 ..... L Charnock 85
20 (13) 100000 **WESBREE BAY** 8 (D,G) (Hockley Printing Co Ltd) N Bycroft 5-7-11 ..... G Carter 82
21 (6) 000010 **SLY MAID** 20 (D,F) (R Baker) B Richmond 4-7-9 ..... J Quinn (5) 93
22 (9) 000034 **MANABEL** 8 (B,F) (A Ripley) S Bowring 5-7-9 ..... A Proud 83
23 (17) 200304 **KAREN'S STAR** 20 (C,D,F,G,S) (J Chapman) D Chapman 10-7-8 ..... S Wood (7) 93
24 (15) 203020 **MAYBE JAYNE** 22 (B) (Mrs I Anderson) A W Jones 4-7-7 ..... Dana Mellor (5) 88

BETTING: 4-1 Gem Of Gold, 5-1 Mrs Darling, 6-1 Shari Louise, 7-1 Harry Hull, 8-1 Swiss Connection, 10-1 Stevejan, Karen's Star, 12-1 Metroman, Maybe Jayne, 14-1 others.

1986: DEBACH REVENGE 4-7-9 A Mackay (11-2 jt-fav) M Tompkins 13 ran

2.15 WHITEMOSS NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £1,392: 1m 40yd) (11 runners)

2 (2) 0200 **EXPLOSIVE SPIRIT** 8 (R Trontz) S Norton 9-7 ..... J Lowe 91
3 (8) 102220 **QUEENS TOUR** 9 (C,G,S) (I Bell) M Brittain 9-4 ..... K Darley 96
6 (4) 002021 **BANK VIEW** 13 (G) (Bank View Hire Ltd) N Tinkler 9-1 (5ex) ..... G Duffield 97
8 (7) 004400 **LES CHIN** 7 (J Ash) C Charlet 8-8 ..... R Morse (5) 84
9 (1) 002210 **MOTTRAM'S GOLD** 19 (S) (G Ashton) M Brittain 8-8 ..... Pat Eddery 95
10 (3) 400300 **PHOTINIA** 24 (Daleside Nurseries Ltd) T Fairhurst 8-7 ..... T Williams 97
11 (6) 400000 **NUTAGRE** 13 (J Baddiley) D Chapman 8-6 ..... J Carroll (5) 86
15 (9) 000020 **GLENCREE** 28 (B Galvin) K Stone 8-4 ..... G Carter ● 99
16 (10) 000 **MILS MIJ** 45 (J Hurst) J J O'Neill 8-4 ..... A Culhane (5) —
17 (11) 0004 **KIND OF MAGIC** 37 (BF) (Mrs J Ramsden) Mrs J Ramsden 7-12 .. G Bardwell (5) 86
18 (5) 200400 **QUALITAIR DUTCHESS** 22 (B) (P Bottomley) K Stone 7-7 ..... L Charnock 92

BETTING: 3-1 Mottram's Gold, 7-2 Bank View, 9-2 Explosive Spirit, 5-1 Glencree, 7-1 Photinia, 8-1 Queens Tour, 10-1 Kind Of Magic, 14-1 Les Chin, 16-1 others.

1986: BE CHEERFUL 9-1 G Duffield (11-2 jt-fav) J Winter 18 ran

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12) 0-0432 *TIMESFORM 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0* ..... *B West (4)* 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F-fell. P-pulled up. U-unseated rider. B-brought down. S-slipped up. R-refused). Horse's name. *Days since last outing.* (B-blinkers. V-visor. H-hood. E-Eyeshield. C-course winner. *D-distance winner. CD-course and distance winner.* BF-beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F-firm, good to firm, hard. G-good. S-soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

2.45 RIGHEAD SELLING STAKES (£1,094: 1m 40yd) (13 runners)

1 (10) 0-03010 **FRUITY O'ROONEY** 1 (G) (F Jordan) F Jordan 4-9-5 ..... T Williams 98
2 (12) 2-10000 **COSMIC FLIGHT** 86 (F,S) (B Over) M Usher 4-9-2 ..... M Wigham 97
3 (3) 0/000-1 **COVER INN** 24 (S) (B Vincent) C Holmes 4-9-2 ..... Pat Eddery 96
4 (11) 003010 **CROWN JUSTICE** 1 (B,BF,G,S) (N Callaghan) N Callaghan 3-9-1 .... G Bardwell (5) 91
5 (9) 000000 **WINDMEDE** 9 (S) (M Brittain) M Brittain 3-9-1 ..... K Darley 95
6 (4) 000030 **GREENHILLS BOY** 24 (F) (Miss E Bronson) D A Wilson 4-9-0 ..... G Duffield 85
9 (6) 0-10301 **WINNIES LUCK** 31 (G,S) (G Northage) R Whitaker 3-8-12 ..... K Bradshaw (5) ● 99
10 (1) 200002 **GREENHILL'S GIRL** 9 (C,S) (I Ives) D Moffatt) 4-8-11 ..... Dana Mellor (5) 88
11 (8) 003022 **SPANISH INFANTA** 8 (E Rollinson) P Feigate 4-8-11 ..... S Cauthen 93
12 (2) 30020-0 **TANYA'S PRINCESS** 31 (Mrs J Waggott) J Johnson 4-8-11 ..... J Quinn (5) 80
14 (13) 023200 **GAELIC LOVER** 9 (CD,G) (E Hutchison) C Tinkler 3-8-10 ..... M Birch 96
15 (5) 0 **MASTER FRANKIE** 89 (Mrs P Fox) J Muthall 3-8-10 ..... J Carr (5) —
21 (7) 000000 **SAPPHARINO** 31 (G Rowlands) R Stubbs 3-8-7 ..... P Bamard (5) —

BETTING: 9-4 Crown Justice, 3-1 Winnies Luck, 9-2 Cover Inn, 6-1 Fruity O'Rooney, Spanish Infanta, 8-1 Gaelic Lover, 12-1 Windmede, 14-1 others.

1986: LIGHT THE WAY 3-8-5 G Duffield (2-1 fav) M Prescott 11 ran

3.15 MURRAY HANDICAP (£1,105: 1m 1f) (15 runners)

1 (9) 4402 **MALIPIERO** 31 (S Dinsmore) J S Wilson 3-9-12 ..... T Williams 89
2 (5) 422332 **LILY MAB** 16 (R Belderson) P Kelleway 3-9-12 ..... Gay Kelleway (3) 92
3 (12) 3-302 **CASHMERE N CAVIAR** 13 (H Boone) R J Williams 3-9-7 ..... S Cauthen 88
4 (15) 0000 **GREENHILLS PRIDE** 13 (L Audus) M Ryan 3-9-6 ..... Pat Eddery 90
5 (1) /0-0022 **LINPAC MAPLELEAF** 17 (B,BF) (Lin Pac Con Ltd) W Elsey 4-9-2 ..... N Connorton 91
6 (7) 200434 **JEFF HARRIS** 8 (Lt-Col W Monteith) P Monteith 3-8-11 ..... J Carr (5) 88
7 (2) 000000 **FOOTSTOOL** 9 (B) (N Spreadbury) D A Wilson 4-8-11 ..... T Quinn 84
8 (6) 003 **WHATAHALMFUL** 24 (Mrs V MacLean) W Haigh 4-8-10 ..... *D Nicholls* 86
9 (4) 020240 **BLAZE OF GOLD** 5 (W Airey) E Alston 3-8-9 ..... G Duffield 98
10 (11) 03004 **BORDER LOCH** 17 (A Wight) J Haldane 3-8-0 ..... K Darley 97
11 (3) 202204 **TOP ROW** 8 (J Zochonis) A W Jones 4-8-0 ..... Dana Mellor (5) 94
13 (10) 000030 **DAVALLIA** 136 (G Tufts) W Hastings-Bass 4-7-13 ..... R Smith (7) 85
15 (8) 00004 **BONNY'S PET** 28 (B) (Mrs M Butler) W Elsey 3-7-10 ..... L Charnock ● 99
17 (13) 200040 **NEEDWOOD NYMPH** 24 (C) (Needwood Turf Acco Ltd) B Morgan 3-7-7 ..... J Lowe —
19 (14) 000000 **TURRINA** 37 (Razza D Oglesta) E Incisa ..... Kim Tinkler 84

BETTING: 4-1 Cashmere N Caviar, 5-1 Lily Mab, 6-1 Bonny's Pet, 7-1 Blaze Of Gold, 8-1 Border Loch, Linpac Mapleleaf, 10-1 Malipiero, 12-1 Jeff Harris, 14-1 Whatahalmful, 16-1 others.

1986: SHEER NECTAR 3-8-9 J Williams (3-1 fav) G Balding 14 ran

3.45 WHIRLIES HANDICAP (£1,423: 1m 4f) (13 runners)

1 (11) 20140-0 **FIEFDOM** 197 (D,F,G,S) (C Clark) W Storey 7-9-10 ..... J Quinn (5) 97
2 (1) 0042 **REPUTATION** 9 (R Sangster) J Hills 3-9-3 ..... S Cauthen 93
3 (2) 000220 **ALPINE DANCE** 58 (R Sangster) B Hills 3-9-0 ..... Pat Eddery 96
6 (9) 00-021 **ANOTHER NONSENSE** 31 (G) (Hyde Promotions) R Whitaker 3-8-8 ... D McKeown 92
7 (3) 0-32402 **NORWICH CASTLE** 17 (Int Thoroughbred Breeders) M Prescott 3-8-8 .. G Duffield ● 99
8 (12) 404001 **SASKIA'S REPRIEVE** 8 (B,D,G) (Qualitair Eng Ltd) K Stone 3-8-3 (5ex) ... G Carter 86
11 (7) 310130 **IVOROSKI** 20 (CD,F,S) (P & I Darling) Denys Smith 5-7-12 ..... P Hill 91
12 (8) 000030 **BELLEPHERON** 51 (F) (J Collins) W Storey 4-7-11 ..... T Williams 83
15 (5) 101300 **RUSTIC TRACK** 12 (D,F,G,S) (S Smith) Denys Smith 7-7-8 ..... J Lowe 98
18 (6) 0000F0 **OUR HERO** 23 (C,S) (Mrs P Bastiman) R Bastiman 4-7-7 ..... L Charnock —
19 (4) 000000 **KELSEY LADY** 20 (D,F) (F Chapman) J Haldane 9-7-7 ..... Dale Gibson (7) 89
20 (10) 020400 **NUGOLA** 42 (C,F) (Don E Incisa) E Incisa 5-7-7 ..... Kim Tinkler 86
22 (13) 003480 **PRETTY FLY** 23 (F Davies) A W Jones 7-7-7 ..... Dana Mellor (5) 74

BETTING: 7-2 Alpine Dance, 4-1 Another Nonsense, 5-1 Norwich Castle, 6-1 Reputation, 7-1 Saskia's Reprieve, 8-1 Bellepheron, 10-1 Rustic Track, 12-1 Ivoroski, 14-1 others.

1986: IVOROSKI 4-7-12 L Charnock (8-1) Denys Smith 20 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
M Prescott	24	101	23.8
N Callaghan	12	61	19.7

CRICKET: HOW A POPULAR MISCONCEPTION REBOUNDED PAINFULLY ON PAKISTAN IN THE WORLD CUP

Cool Australians upset favourites

From Alan Lee
Lahore

A month ago, the mere suggestion that Australia would win through to the World Cup final was a matter for general mirth. They were young, insecure and unsuccessful. They had no chance. At least, that was the popular misconception, which yesterday rebounded painfully into the faces of the favourites, Pakistan.

This semi-final was scripted to be Imran Khan's glorious farewell to his native Lahore before winging into Calcutta to take the Cup from India. For Pakistan, it went quite horribly wrong. They lost by 18 runs, their third successive semi-final exit, and the 40,000 crowd that had come in party mood went home to mourn in disbelief.

Australia have got by on their character under duress more than once in this competition. Yesterday, they got through simply by playing the more efficient cricket.

Imran, who could personally hardly have done more to retrieve a lost cause, offered a simple shrug and a slow smile. It is the end of the road for him but if he felt the sense of anticlimax, mirrored by the crowd's switch from delirious bedlam to stunned silence, he hid it a great deal better than some. There were players with head in hands, supporters and even journalists in tears. They had simply not prepared themselves for failing before the final.

Australia, blended into a fighting unit by the increasingly effective partnership of Allan Border and Bob Simpson, came with a set plan and carried it through. Unlike most teams they prefer to bat first and set the target; they were seeking 270 and they fell only three short. Then, in the space of 11 overs Pakistan lost three prime wickets. Despite careful reconstruction by Imran and Javed Miandad, who put on 112, McDermott returned to destroy the lower order, picking up the best figures of the tournament and the Man of the Match award.

This atmospheric ground had been full for a good hour before the start, breakfasts forgotten, and even while Marsh and Boon were doing their usual solid job with 73 for the first Australian wicket, there was a confident air of anticipation in the stands.

It took a run-out to split the openers, Malik hitting the stumps from square leg, but Jones arrived in his most fluent form of the month and despite regular appeals for leg before by Qadir there was no further respite for Pakistan until the 31st over.

Australia were then 155 for one. A score of 300 was feasible but Boon overbalanced while playing a widish leg-side delivery from Malik and was stumped. The wicketkeeper was Miandad, who took the gloves in the nineteenth over after Yousuf had been hit in the mouth.

A tight next over from Tauseef frustrated Jones and, stepping away to the final ball, he lost his off-stump. The game had changed. Australia had two men on nought and Pakistan had their tails up.

Much credit here is due to Veletta, run out without scoring on his debut last week but now quietly assertive and outscoring his captain two to one. The stand was worth 60 when Border was run-out but with Imran back for the second spell in which he specializes, Australia were still precariously placed.

Imran let no one down. Three times he splayed the stumps with deliveries of full length ripping through hopeful aggression. This was what the crowd had come to see and, when he finished with a wicket maiden, having taken three for 17 in five overs, it was impossible to hold a conversation amid the cacophony.

Imran, however, had gambled on one thing. Salim Jaffer, whose first five overs had cost 39, had to come back and deliver the fiftieth. It was a disaster. Steve Waugh, who had earlier given himself out in a run-out muddle, only for umpire Shepherd to recall him and dismiss O'Donnell, drove the first ball for six and then took 12 runs more. Psychologically it was a critical blow. Mathematically, it was the difference between the sides.

Pakistan have relied heavily on the consistency of the opener, Rameez, and when he was run out in the opening over, the omens were bad. Mansoor never looked the part. Malik was caught off a leading edge and so began the repair job by the captain and his intended successor.

They played sensible touch cricket, content at first with nudged singles but building up the scoring rate imperceptibly until, with 118 needed from 15 overs, the crowd sensed there was still a chance. Then Imran had an inexplicable rush of blood, against Border of all people, and was caught behind, departing in evident anguish. Akram, promoted up the order, made a rapid 20 but there was now too heavy a load on the improvising of Miandad. When he fell to an extravagant swing in the 44th over Australia were all but home and the silence in the ground was deafening.

● CALCUTTA: Police have declared central Calcutta out of bounds to beggars and set Thursday as a deadline for them to leave as part of a hectic facelift operation to spruce up the city for the World Cup final. The authorities have warned the beggars that they will be locked up if they do not quit their territory around the Eden Gardens stadium.



Top scorer from down under: David Boon on the way to his 65 at Lahore yesterday

SCOREBOARD FROM LAHORE

Australia won toss

AUSTRALIA

		6s	4s	Mins	Balls
G R Marsh run out (Malik/Yousuf)	31	0	2	77	57
D C Boon st Miandad b Malik	65	65	4	133	91
D M Jones b Tauseef	38	0	3	59	45
*A R Border run out (Mansoor)	18	0	2	42	23
M R J Veletta b Imran	48	0	2	55	50
S R Waugh not out	32	1	4	38	27
S P O'Donnell run out (Imran)	0	0	0	2	2
†G C Dyer b Imran	0	0	0	2	1
C J McDermott b Imran	1	0	0	5	3
T B A May not out	0	0	0	7	2
Extras: (lb 19, b 1, w 13, nb 1)	34				
Total: (8 wkts, 50 overs)	267				

B A Reid did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-73, 2-155, 3-155, 4-215, 5-236, 6-236, 7-241, 8-249.

BOWLING: Imran 10-1-36-3; Jaffer 6-0-57-0; Akram 10-0-54-0; Qadir 10-0-39-0; Tauseef 10-1-39-1; Malik 4-0-22-1.

PAKISTAN

		6s	4s	Mins	Balls
Ramiz Raja run out (Border)	1	0	0	2	1
Mansoor Akhtar b McDermott	9	0	0	36	19
Salim Malik c McDermott b Waugh	25	0	3	46	31
Javed Miandad b Reid	70	0	4	149	104
*Imran Khan c Dyer b Border	58	0	4	98	83
Wasim Akram b McDermott	20	2	0	15	13
Ijaz Ahmed c Jones b Reid	8	0	1	10	7
†Salim Yousuf c Dyer b McDermott	21	0	2	11	15
Abdul Qadir not out	20	0	2	23	16
Salim Jaffer c Dyer b McDermott	0	0	0	7	2
Tauseef Ahmed c Dyer b McDermott	1	0	0	2	3
Extras: (lb 6, w 10)	16				
Total: (49 overs)	249				

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-37, 3-38, 4-150, 5-177, 6-192, 7-212, 8-236, 9-247.

BOWLING: McDermott 10-0-44-5; Reid 10-2-41-2; Waugh 9-1-51-1; O'Donnell 10-1-45-0; May 6-0-36-0; Border 4-0-26-1.

Man of the Match: C J McDermott.

Umpires: H D Bird and D R Shepherd (Eng).

Border silences critics

Lahore — Alan Border told last night how his under-rated Australians have traded on public cynicism in their march to the World Cup final (Alan Lee writes).

While the beaten Pakistanis were locked in their dressing-room, conducting a stony-faced post-mortem, the Australian captain, Border, was wreathed in smiles as he reflected on the result very few expected.

"There weren't too many people who gave us any chance of even getting this far," he agreed. "In an odd way, that has been a spur for us.

"A lot of discussion at our team meetings has centered on the fact that everyone has written us off. I have kept repeating it to the players, hoping it would make them more determined to prove people wrong.

"Our boys take a fancy to that sort of talk and when Zaheer Abbas, the former Pakistan captain, called us a bunch of club cricketers, I knew we would be sparking today.

"Once we had made 267 I knew they would be under a lot of pressure but I was worried while Imran was still in. I brought myself on to bowl simply to try and keep things tight — the wicket was a pleasant surprise."

Test countries shape up for a satisfactory compromise

From John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent
Bombay

More out of convenience than to reach any immediate conclusions, the select committee of the International Cricket Conference (ICC), grappling with the question of South Africa, will meet in Calcutta on Monday, the day after the World Cup final. The committee was set up last summer in response to the threat to the World Cup arising from the "sporting contacts" of certain individual players with South Africa.

They have met twice so far, the last time at Lord's in August. On Monday they will hope to put something together for consideration during the coming months by member countries of the ICC. In March 1988, by when all the various boards will have had a chance to say what they think, they will go to Lord's again, this time to draft a firm proposal for presenting to the annual general meeting of the ICC in July.

Each winter there are more than 50 players from the county game alone, many of them doing what amounts to missionary work. Earlier this year the first-class counties voted 17-0 against any such ban. At the same time, if a satisfactory compromise can be found, England must be prepared to go along with it — and Australia have produced the bones of one.

It amounts to what they call a "back yard" policy. Whereas Allan Rae, chairman of the West Indian board, would like a total ban on anyone "who makes or continues to have any sporting contact with South Africa", Australia wonder whether it might be preferable for each country simply to abide by the wishes of their hosts.

In that case, everyone would probably be allowed to come to England, but England would be acceptable in some countries only without players with South African connections. But that, too, besides meaning a loss of continuity, would make England party to an arbitrary restriction and liable to litigation from disaffected cricketers. It is also the sort of constraint that is known to be anathema to the New Zealanders.

A more realistic variation of the Australian idea might be for all countries to accept, without question, the laws of another. There is no law as such which prevents Lamb, as a South African, from coming to play cricket in Pakistan, or Boycott, who is known to be sympathetic towards South Africa, from coming here to cover the World Cup. If there were, we should have no option but to accede to it. Until there is, a means of riding out the storm exists, assuming that that is what a majority of those who will be at next Monday's meeting are keen to do.

I say this because, although a body of "cricket administrators", several of those present will be of a strong political bent. To some extent the predicament is self-imposed. If Mr Salve, representing India, is the most obvious example of a politician wearing a cricketing hat, he is not the only one. In his recent book The Story of the Reliance Cup he vows to "break the ICC" unless the anti-apartheid lobby has its way. He may well think that he has not got long in which to do it.

His influence and his place on the select committee come from his being chairman of the management committee of the 1987 World Cup, and it is for his successful work in that capacity that he would be best respected, not as a politican whose obsession precluded there being a fifth World Cup on the same grand scale of the present one.

It is such an irony that the likeliest beneficiaries of these political manoeuvrings could be South Africa. Let me finally quote Arthur Ashe, former Wimbledon champion, who has been arrested in his time for demonstrating against sporting contact with South Africa: "You get depressingly close, if you are not careful, to being guilty of precisely what you are trying to eradicate."

Marshall, Greenidge, Richards, Garner, Javed, Imran, Majid Khan, Zaheer and countless others have developed their skills in England, to the enormous benefit of their national sides. If such a great and splendid bond were to be needlessly broken, South Africa would look forward to attracting a whole host of frustrated cricketers. Sharjah and Dubai would have to enlarge the capacity of their grounds, and entrepreneurs would have a field day. It must not be allowed to happen.

So how can it be avoided? If the UK representative, be it Subba Row or Smith, speaks up for the TCCB, as he must, there is no way that England can support the idea of banning from Test cricket anyone who has coached and played, in an individual capacity, in South Africa.

their cricketers being kept out of the English county game, which could happen as a retaliatory gesture, would be nothing short of disastrous.

prises John Warr, president of MCC and, as such, chairman of the ICC; his predecessor-but-one, J. G. W. Davies; delegates from the seven Test-playing countries (Australia, England, India, New Zealand, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and West Indies) and from three of the associate members of ICC (Canada, Gibraltar and Zimbabwe).

Of the Test-playing countries, Australia, New Zealand, Pakistan and West Indies will be respresented by their board chairmen. England may or may not be, according to whether Raman Subba Row has returned to take care of matters at the Oval. If he has, A. C. Smith, chief executive of the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB), will stand in for him.

The select committee can be in no possible doubt that the unanimous wish of the cricketers they represent, who are deeply suspicious of political interference, is for the status quo to be preserved. The effect upon the game in West Indies and Pakistan of their severing playing contact with England, and of

RUGBY UNION

Hertfordshire in the mood to prove their point

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

Hertfordshire 10
Eastern Counties 0

Hertfordshire were understandably miffed last season when they won all their county championship matches, only to find that a rearrangement of the London division kept them in Pool B, along with Hampshire, Sussex and the demoted Eastern Counties.

They vented their ire on the hapless Counties, whom they have played only twice before in the championship at Croxley Green yesterday. The previous time the two sides met, in 1979, Eastern Counties won by 43 points. But the county championship, too, has changed somewhat in the intervening period.

Now sponsored by Toshiba — whose good offices would be appreciated, no doubt, by the fire-blasted old Merchant Taylors' stand — it is a proving ground for aspirants from junior clubs as much as anyone, though Hertfordshire had faithful support yesterday from Saracens players and from Bates, the Wasps' scrum half, who will be pressing for a divisional place next month.

Bates has a most expressive countenance but he had to be at his most lugubrious as, in an unpleasant cross-field wind, both sides ran through a gamut of mistakes before, in the last half hour, Hertfordshire seized some semblance of control to win by a try, a penalty goal and a dropped goal to nil.

Bates is accustomed to better service from his club colleagues, but it was his experience, and that of the Saracens wings Smith and Wood, which posed the greatest threat. Unfortunately the burly Smith, some 17 stone of him, and Wood were far from the action, which invariably broke down in the middle of the field.

Rudling had a mixed day both with his boot and his distribution, though it was he who popped over the penalty which put Hertfordshire into a tenuous half-time lead and terminated Eastern Counties interest with a dropped goal.

Neither side was able to take advantage of pressure points once established, mostly through an inability to recognize space and the tendency of the back rows to go to ground with the ball. But Hertfordshire established superiority in the lineout, mostly through Malone and the experienced Jaszczak, while Jones their captain, who is in the process of moving clubs, took four strikes against the head.

The sole try came midway through the second half. Scott made space for Wood, who was pushed out at the corner. The lineout and a five-metre scrum came to nothing, but at a second scrum Hertfordshire's wheel was more effective and Adamson, with assistance from Kempster, touched down.

SCORERS: Hertfordshire: Try: Adamson. Penalty: Rudling. Dropped goal: Rudling. HERTFORDSHIRE: C Russell (London Scottish); L Smith (Saracens), R Scott (Chesham), M Williams (Saracens), P Wood (Saracens); B Rudling (Saracens), S Bates (Wasps); R Andrews (Saracens), S Jones (Saracens, capt), D Warner (Wasps), M Crook (Old Merchant Taylors), R Malone (Wasps), A Jaszczak (Letchworth), S Kempster (Saracens), M Adamson (Harpenden).

EASTERN COUNTIES: K Hoskins (Ipswich); D Gradon (Rochford), R Sumner (Sudbury, capt), D Dooley (Campion), K Sibister (Cambridge); J Kong (Saracens), D Moore (North Walsham); M Greer (Saracens), N Branch (Southend), S Titterington (Lowestoft and Yarmouth), A Phillips (Saracens), P Doherty (Sudbury), G Corke (Sudbury), G Atherton (Sudbury), S Easton (Wasps).

Referee: M Bayliss (Gloucs).

Liverpool take control

By Michael Stevenson

UMIST 8
Liverpool University 32

Liverpool University, away to UMIST in their Universities' Athletic Union group qualifying match, won a fast and open contest at Withenshawe yesterday by a goal, five tries and two penalties to two tries.

Their key player was Mallalieu, the former England Schools stand-off half, whose kicking — both tactical and to touch — was of a very high order. Swann, the Liverpool St Helens lock, turning out for the University for the first time this season, also added fire-power.

UMIST had great pace on the wings, where Swindley and Waring always threatened, but they lacked cohesion in the forwards and their tackling was rather brittle.

Liverpool led when Mallalieu hoisted. Henderson's mark was disallowed and the ball was driven over the UMIST line for Owen to get the touchdown. A searing break by Elliot made their second try, scored by the speedy May, but UMIST struck back when Pilgrim hacked on and good left to right passing put Waring in for an excellent try.

The second half became increasingly one-sided as Mallalieu launched his capable threequarters and continued to kick adroitly, but the losers had the last word with a late try by Pilgrim.

SCORERS: UMIST: Tries: Waring, Pilgrim. Liverpool University: Tries: Owen, May, Renwick, Elliot, Mallalieu, Parker. Conversion: Mallalieu. Penalties: Mallalieu (2).

UMIST: S Henderson; G Swindley, T Pilgrim, D Wall, N Waring; P Craghill, N Elliot; M Drake, D Humphrey, P Kattel, L Roberts, N Roberts, R Roberts, S Army, A Mackenzie.

LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY: M Glenn; A Winn, M Elliot, B Owen, A May; M Mallalieu, R Renwick; S Bell, J Bennett, G Bryson, E Forster, T Swann, S Jones, J Taylor, S Parker.

Referee: P Kay (Manchester and District Society).

Selectors leave out Cowan

By George Ace

The Ulster selectors, whatever else they may be, are certainly not men of vision. They have watched the provincial side perform at its lowest level for the past three years against Yorkshire (a less than impressive win) at Morley, and Munster (an unsatisfactory draw) at Ravenhill Park. They saw the outstanding scrum-half performance of the season by Stephen Cowan for Malone against Ballymena at the weekend, but chose to ignore it.

Cowan was so far ahead of a hesitant and bemused Brady, who retains his place against Connacht on Saturday week in Galway, that the half-back problem facing the selectors was not whom to select at scrum-half but whom to nominate at outside-half. To recall Ian Brown and have an all-Malone partnership looked a distinct possibility. It was not to be and Russell will again partner Brady, with no changes behind the scrum.

The front row stands the same, although one cannot be overcritical of the retention of McKibbin and McDonald.

ULSTER: P Rainey (Ballymena); T Ringland (Ballymena), W Harbinson (London Irish/Malone), D Irwin (Instonians, capt), K Crossan (Instonians); P Russell (Instonians), R Brady (Ballymena); B McKibbin (Instonians), J McDonald (Malone), J McCoy (Bangor), P Matthews (Wanderers), C Morrison (Malone), W Anderson (Dungannon), D McBride (Malone), D Morrow (Bangor).

Bound for SA

Johannesburg (AFP) — Five former British Lions will play in a three-day indoor touch rugby competition in Sun City. Gareth Edwards, of Wales, Gordon Brown, of Scotland, Peter Wheeler, of England, and Mike Gibson and Fergus Slattery, both of Ireland, will be joined by former and present South African rugby internationals in the 16-team tournament which starts today and finishes on Saturday.

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ROWING

Seoul-bound crews earn extra support

Six of Britain's Olympic hopes have had their Sports Aid Foundation cash grants increased tenfold for the pre-Seoul year. The grants, provided by Minet Insurance, go up from £600 to £6,000.

Two of those benefiting, John Maxey and John Garrett, from London, performed impressively in this year's world championships. Their cox, Hugh Thomas, will receive £4,000. The others moving into the £6,000 bracket are Stephen Peel, Mark Buckingham, Peter Mulkerrins and Simon Berrisford, who finished fourth in the world championship coxless fours.

BASEBALL

Giants' threat to move out of San Francisco

San Francisco (Reuter) — The Giants will move out of San Francisco because the city's voters have rejected a plan to replace Candlestick Park with a new stadium, the owner, Bob Lurie, said yesterday.

"I got the message, so we'll go," he said. A poll of voters showed 53 per cent against building the stadium.

Lurie's lease at Candlestick Park expires in 1994 but before the ballot he said he would move out earlier if the vote was negative. The Giants, originally from New York, set up their home in San Francisco in 1958.

BOXING

McAuley's incentive is second world title shot

Dave McAuley, the British flyweight champion from Larne, will be boxing in a world title eliminator when he meets Roy Thompson, of Panama, in the Ulster Hall, Belfast, on December 3 (George Ace writes).

Thompson is rated No. 5 in the World Boxing Association's junior-flyweight rankings and assisted McAuley while he was preparing for his world title attempt against Fidel Bassa, from Colombia. The Bassa contest, in the King's Hall last April for the WBA flyweight title, ended in McAuley's first defeat in 14 bouts as a professional.

Barney Eastwood, the promoter, said: "The WBA promised that the winner of this bout will be moved up in the ratings and will be in line as the next challenger after Bassa defends his title next month against Hilario Zapata."

● Horace Notice will need sterner tests than the ineffective one provided by Paul Lister, of Newcastle, on Tuesday night if he is to advance his claims for a European title shot. Notice made a Lonsdale Belt his own in Sunderland with his third-round knockout victory, which enabled him to retain his British heavyweight crown at Sunderland Crowtree Leisure Centre.

Notice, aged 30, is waiting for the movements of the European champion, Francesco Damiani, of Italy, who has been lined up to challenge the world champion, Mike Tyson, early next year.

Boxing tonight for the right to challenge for Notice's title are Trevor Currie, of Catford, and Noel Quarless, of Liverpool.

● BARRANQUILLA, Colombia: Jesús Rojas, of Colombia, has a mystery illness that is baffling doctors and threatening his defence of his World Boxing Council super-flyweight title in Miami, Florida, against Gilberto Román, of Mexico, on December 12.

Rojas has asked for a postponement. He has quit sparring and said: "It started a few days ago with pains in my fingers and has spread to my whole body. I can hardly walk."

Young players take some notable scalps

By a Special Correspondent

After coaching the England squad into third place at last week's world team championships, Jonah Barrington was quick to stress the need for immediate action rather than complacent celebration.

"Now is the time to add to this squad the good young players that are coming through the English ranks," he said.

Tuesday night's matches in the American Express Premier League will have given Barrington plenty of support.

Del Harris, aged 18, the holder of the British under-23 title, defeated the national champion, Bryan Beeson, during James Capel Ardley's 4-1 away win at InterCity Cannons. Beeson was outmanoeuvred by Harris, who came from two games to one down to win 9-5 in the fifth.

Harris was ably supported by Chris Walker, aged 20, who defeated Ian Robinson, aged 35, a veteran of 55 Great Britain and England appearances.

In the world event, Gawain Briars took 17 points from the world No. 2, Ross Norman. On Tuesday night he could prise just 13 from Danny Meddings, aged 19, of Surrey, covering for Poundstretcher Dunnings Mill against Village Leisure in the absence of Kenyon and Smith.

RESULTS: InterCity Cannons 1, James Capel Ardley 4; Fin Simod Herts 5, Dewsbury Central 0; Village Leisure 3, Poundstretcher Dunnings Mill 2; Castlemano Weston 2, Central Motors Leicester 3.

SQUASH RACKETS

Jansher sees off tough first-round opponent

By Colin McQuillan

The infrequency with which the International Squash Players Association (ISPA) produces its world ranking list causes many an anomaly, but few can equal the unfortunate juxtaposition of Jansher Khan, the new world champion, and Umar Hayat Khan, his splendidly improved Pakistani compatriot, in the first round of the Drakkar Noir Canadian Open championship.

Jansher defeated Umar Hayat 17-14, 15-12, 15-7 under the odd mixture of American and international rules deployed at the Carlson Court Club in Toronto.

The win, although far harder than the scoreline suggests, was not altogether unexpected. It was, however, surprising to find such a thrilling encounter tucked away in the opening round. On the new list, which the ISPA will soon issue, Jansher is said to be third and Umar Hayat in the top 10, but the international circuit is still operating on an August list that has Umar Hayat at 19.

There are men with a good chance of reaching the quarter-finals in Toronto who would not have withstood the cracking pace and fearsome power with which Umar Hayat Khan rattled the world champion.

Nor was the young Pakistani the only sufferer from ISPA tardiness on ranking updates. Hiddy Jahan, of England, fell in five long, hard games to the under-rated Bret Martin

RESULTS: First round: R Norman (Aus) bt S Soni (Can), 15-1, 15-5, 15-4; G Turk (Can) bt R George (Aus), 15-12, 15-8, 15-8; Jansher Khan (Pak) bt Umar Hayat Khan (Pak), 17-14, 15-12, 15-7; A Wahlstedt (Swe) bt T Nancarrow (Aus), 12-15, 15-5, 15-7, 15-8; M Robberds (Aus) bt R Hill (Aus), 15-8, 15-10, 13-15, 14-15, 15-7; B Martin (Aus) bt Hiddy Jahan (GB), 15-9, 15-5, 11-15, 15-17, 15-8; G Williams (GB) bt R Eyles (Aus), 15-12, 15-13, 11-15, 15-10; J Hickox (Can) bt G Hunt (GB), 15-8, 15-7, 15-12.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

FOOTBALL

EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS' CUP: Second round, second leg: Hajduk Split (Yug) v Marseille (Fr).

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: AC Delco Cup: First round: Bracknell v Ruislip Manor; Hayes v Newbury.

OTHER SPORT

BOXING: British heavyweight championship: Final eliminator: Hughroy Currie v Noel Quarless (at York Hall, Bethnal Green).

BOWLS: CIS Insurance UK indoor singles championship (at Preston).

TENNIS: LTA Women's tournament (at Telford).

SPORT ON TV

BOWLS: CIS Insurance United Kingdom indoor singles championship from the Guild Hall, Preston. BBC2: 2.15-5.30, 10.15 and 11.40 p.m.

WORLD CUP CRICKET: Second semi-final: India v England: Live coverage from Bombay. BBC2: 3.25 a.m. to close. Highlights: 6 p.m.

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FOOTBALL

McGrath to return as eye-injury worries are eased

By Dennis Shaw

Lloyd McGrath, the Coventry City midfield player, who was kicked in the face during last week's Littlewoods Cup tie against Luton, is hoping to play again soon after surviving a threat to his eyesight.

A relieved McGrath has been told by a specialist there is no permanent damage to his eye. There is a graze on it which will heal, plus six stitches above and two below the eye. "He is a very lucky young man," the team manager, John Sillett, said. "The other player's studs caught him each side of his eye."

McGrath must avoid heading the ball for at least a week until he visits the specialist again. Otherwise he can train fairly normally in the hope of an early return to full action.

Sillett, who is constantly in search of new players to halt Coventry's decline from their Wembley summit last May, added: "The way things are we could do with 10 more McGraths."

He admits to constantly running up against the problem of inflated fees when he attempts to strengthen his squad. "Clubs are doubling the asking price because they think we have plenty of cash," he said.

Sillett's last major signing, David Speedie, an £800,000 gamble from Chelsea, could find his place in danger for Saturday's match at Oxford. He played for the reserves in a 0-0 draw at Old Trafford and did nothing to enhance his claims.

Graham Taylor, the Aston Villa manager, has adhered strictly to his principle of not questioning referees' decisions by heavily fining Mark Walters for being sent off at Shrewsbury Town on Tuesday night. Walters will thus have to accept a second punishment for an offence he claims he did not commit.

The England under-21 winger vehemently denies making contact with Richard Green, the Shrewsbury defender, when he went down and rolled around in apparent agony during Villa's 2-1 victory.

"I went to make the tackle but he pushed the ball ahead so I pulled up," Walters said. "I did not touch him. I was shocked to be sent off." Green gives a sharply contrasting view of the incident. "Two more inches to the left and he would have broken both my legs," he said. "It was a double-footed tackle."

An automatic two-match suspension means Walters misses the Littlewoods Cup fourth-round tie at Villa Park and either the promotion game against Bradford City or a Cup replay, if there is one. "I don't believe any referee sends a player off unless he believes he has seen an offence to justify it," Taylor commented.



And for our next trick: Riedle (right), of Werder Bremen, and Susloparov, of Spartak Moscow, are head over heels with excitement during the teams' UEFA Cup tie in West Germany. Bremen won 6-2, going through to the third round 7-6 on aggregate

Palace set to sign Langley

Crystal Palace have agreed to sign Kevin Langley from Manchester City for £125,000. Langley joined City last March from Everton for the same fee. He won a first division championship medal with the Merseyside club after making 15 appearances in last season's title-winning team.

Langley has not been in City's team this season because of a cartilage injury sustained on a pre-season tour. He is now fit again after an operation but has not been able to get back into a winning side.

The Manchester City manager, Mel Machin, obviously plans to spend some of the Palace fee immediately. He contacted his old club, Norwich City, and has agreed to pay the East Anglian club £25,000 for another midfield player, Jeremy Goss, who was put on the transfer list at his own request in the summer, after failing to establish himself in the Norwich first team.

The Millwall forward, Michael Marks, has turned down a transfer to Doncaster Rovers after the clubs had agreed on a £25,000 transfer fee.

One forward who is on the move, however, is Dave Caldwell, of Chesterfield, who is joining Torquay United for £4,000. The transfer comes only four days after Caldwell was sent off for the second time this season, something which prompted the Chesterfield manager, Kevin Randall, to warn that his future at the club was could be threatened because of his "appalling" disciplinary record.

Wigan Athletic yesterday signed Phil Hughes, a Northern Ireland international, from their third division rivals, Bury, for £35,000. Hughes, winner of three Northern Ireland caps in goal after the retirement of Pat Jennings, had been transfer listed by Bury after losing his first-team place to Simon Farnworth.

Hughes signed for a month's loan at Wigan on Monday and made his debut in the 1-0 win at Chesterfield on Tuesday evening.

Hull's sights set on promotion

By Martin Searby

Brian Horton, the manager of Hull City, is hoping that the worst is behind his promotion-seeking team even though 60 per cent of the season remains. In the next 10 days they face sixth-placed Birmingham City at home and then visit Middlesbrough in matches that the manager believes will reveal whether they have a realistic chance of reaching the first division for the only time in their 82-year history.

"We've only lost two of the last 17 and that is promotion form," Horton said after Tuesday night's no-goal draw with Bradford. A former Port Vale, Brighton and Luton Town wing half, he is very much one of the new breed of talented managers.

"Maybe we became a little overconfident before the Bradford match but we battled well against a good side and the players came off with a few bumps and bruises they didn't have when we collapsed at Plymouth last Saturday."

Horton can also take heart that his goalscoring partnership of Alex Dyer, formerly of Blackpool, and Frank Bunn has been restored after injuries which kept them out of the last nine games. Their abilities played a major part in Hull remaining unbeaten in the same number of matches at the start of the season, an opening run which took them to second place.

"We did miss them, although Saville and Thompson did a fine job standing in but you can't beat experience, particularly against the top sides," the manager says. He has turned a team threatened with relegation last season into certainly one of the best six in the division on present form.

"When the pressure is on people don't try to play the same way as they do when things are going well and that's the main difference. I always maintained we were not bad enough to go down and my faith has been justified." At 38, the Hull manager is also a club director and a registered player.

The club has captured the imagination of a city that has been severly depressed by the recession in the fishing industry. Tuesday's attendance of 15,443 was the biggest for a League match at Boothferry Park since May, 1985, the year Horton led them out of the third division.

Charlton denies rift

Jack Charlton, the Republic of Ireland manager, denied yesterday that there was a rift between himself and David O'Leary, the Arsenal defender.

O'Leary has not played for the national side since March 1986, but speaking of suggestions that he held a grudge against the player, Charlton said: "This is not true. I don't need Dave. I have four centre halves to choose from and I don't require another one. When the chance comes along I'll pick Dave."

At a Press conference in Dublin, Charlton also rejected a claim that he had argued with O'Leary after a pre-season match. He said: "I wanted to talk to Mick McCarthy and Dave happened to be there at the time. I said 'hello' and then he went off."

O'Leary has been selected for a Republic of Ireland squad only once since March 1986 — for a friendly — but then withdrew from it.

Charlton, meanwhile, confirmed that Chris Morris of Celtic, and Dave Kelly of Millwall, will make their international debuts against Israel next Tuesday. Kelly, a forward, is likely to be preferred to Liverpool's John Aldridge, who has yet to score after 13 matches for the Republic. Kelly will team up with Niall Quinn, of Arsenal.

Another player to get his first cap will be the Newcastle goalkeeper, Gary Kelly, who will replace Kelham O'Hanlon, of Rotherham. One withdrawal from the squad is John Sheldon, who is to undergo a knee operation which will keep him out of the game for about three weeks.

TENNIS

Mansdorf tries to soldier on

Paris, November 4 (AFP) — Amos Mansdorf, Israel's world No. 27, is unhappy with the lonely life of a touring professional and is considering quitting the tour to go to university.

"The circuit isn't fun anymore," Mansdorf, a former Israeli soldier, said after beating the Frenchman, Thierry Champion, 6-2, 6-3 in the second round of the Paris open tournament. "Sometimes you wake up and wonder how long you can go on like this," he said. "Sometimes you feel you want to lead a normal life, doing things with your family."

Mansdorf will play the sixth seed, Tim Mayotte, in the quarter-finals. The American defeated Slobodan Zivojinovic, of Yugoslavia, 4-6, 6-2, 6-2.

"The circuit is changing," Mansdorf, aged 22, said. "Very few players socialize. I travel with a coach and when we go out to dinner there might just be three of us. We don't go to the bar with a bunch of guys. It just doesn't happen any more. It is easier for the top players because they can bring whoever they like with them."

The top seed, Miloslav Mecir, came from a set down to beat the Frenchman, Guy Forget, to go through to a second round clash with the South African-born Kevin Curren of the United States. The world No. 5 lost the first set 6-3 but levelled by the same score in the second and then produced a string of deadly lobs to defeat the Frenchman.

The turning point came when he broke Forget in the seventh game of the third set, scrambling to return serve and then tucking away a backhand lob to take the game. He was extended to deuce on his own service but every time Forget got to the net he was passed or lobbed and the Czechoslovak held service to go 5-3 up.

The left-handed Frenchman won his own service game but Mecir, who gave Ivan Lendl a tough match in last Sunday's European Community Championship final in Antwerp, came back from 0-30 and break point on his own serviceto win 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 with an improvised backhand flick.

Martin Jaite, of Argentina, the fifth seed, was knocked out in the first round, beaten 6-7, 6-3, 6-1 by the Soviet, Alexander Volkov, who distinguished himself earlier in the year by reaching the fourth round at Wimbledon.

Jaite took the first set 7-5 on the tie-break and broke service in the first game of the second set. Then, inexplicably, after such a fine start, Jaite, who is ranked thirteenth in the world, allowed Volkov, ranked 191st, to dominate the rest of the game.

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Loosemore advances to semi-final round

Sarah Loosemore, of South Wales, continued her fine run in the LTA women's indoor tournament at the Telford Racquet Centre by reaching the semi-finals with a 2-6, 6-3, 6-3, victory over the No. 3 seed, Sabine Hack, of West Germany, in their quarter-final match.

Miss Loosemore, aged 16, a member of Team Jaeger, was unable to develop any rhythm in the first set but after losing her first serve in the second set, she broke straight back to establish a 5-2 lead.

Miss Hack, aged 18, who has been ranked as high as 186 in the world, and who was playing her first tournament for six months, sometimes looked totally disinterested in the match and at others produced a series of stunning winners.

A long seventh game in the second set — which Miss Loosemore won — seemed to discourage the German player and she offered little resistance in the final set, losing the match on a double fault.

The victory was Miss Loosemore's best success in a senior international event and she now faces the No. 2 seed, Hetester Whitvoet, of The Netherlands, who beat Amanda Grunfeld, of Lancashire, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4, in just over two hours. The other semi-final will be between Jonna Jonerup, of Sweden, and Natalia Medvedeva, aged 15, of the Soviet Union.

RESULTS: Quarter-finals (British unless stated): N Medvedeva (USSR) bt V Paquet (Fr), 6-2, 6-4; J Jonerup (Swe) bt E Manukova (USSR), 3-6, 6-4, 7-5; S Loosemore bt S Hack (WG), 2-6, 6-3, 6-3; H Whitvoet (Neth) bt A Grunfeld, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4.

Entries up

The International Olympic Committee has agreed to increase the entry for the women's table tennis singles event at the Olympic Games in Seoul next year by 16 to a total of 48.

Samaranch visit

Seoul (AP) — Juan Antonio Samaranch, the president of the International Olympic Committee, will visit South Korea from November 16 to 19 to oversee the progress of the 1988 Seoul Olympics, the organizing committee said yesterday.

Match postponed

Shrewsbury Town have postponed next Tuesday's home match against Sheffield United until November 17 following the midfield player, Bernard McNally's, call-up for the Northern Ireland squad against Turkey in Belfast.

Offer rejected

Nottingham Forest have turned down an approach from Middlesbrough for their forward, Phil Starbuck. Middlesbrough had hoped to sign Starbuck or take him on loan but Brian Clough, the Forest manager, has declined both options.

Jeavons stands by

Nick Jeavons, the former England flanker, could be in line for a first-team return for Moseley at home to Newport on Saturday. Jeavons stands by to replace the lock, Chris Burgess, who is an injury doubt, while John Desborough replaces the centre, Tim Exeter. Murray Jones returns at stand-off half and Paul Green is back at hooker.

YACHTING

Storm brewing up over hand-out

By Barry Pickthall

It was a case of red faces and urgent action in damage limitation yesterday to avoid a full-scale storm that threatened to split yachting's 12-metre class association.

The problems began on Tuesday when Gianfranco Alberini, the newly-appointed class chairman, assured the New Zealand delegates, who are locked in a court battle to force the San Diego Yacht Club to accept their challenge for the America's Cup in super-maxi yachts, that any statement on the situation would be impartial. Unfortunately, another member of the class executive was already handing out a missive heavily biased in San Diego's favour.

Yesterday, Alberini forestalled demands for his resignation by announcing that the statement which called on Michael Fay to withdraw his New Zealand challenge, and expressed the class's solidarity with San Diego, was issued without his knowledge.

The offending hand-out was hastily rewritten during yesterday's Press briefing. The revised version then called on San Diego also to withdraw its petition to change the Deed of Gift which is now before the New York State Supreme Court. However, it still failed to mention the New Zealand promise that in the event of their winning the cup should their 90-ft challenge be accepted, they would defend it in 12-metre yachts in 1991.

Delegates at the Class meeting on Sunday also nominated Philip Tolhurst, the British lawyer, to mediate in the dispute between New Zealand and San Diego. Yesterday Alberini appeared to have taken over that role himself without informing Tolhurst.

However, judging by the mood of the New Zealanders, the revised but still one-sided statement from the class association looks to have shot down any chance Alberini had of claiming impartiality and drawing the two sides together.

Cheating was the principal topic of discussion as committees in both the Offshore Racing Council (ORC) and the International Yacht Racing Union (IYRU) met in London yesterday.

The ORC's rules compliance committee has resolved to produce a poster to be pinned up in each yacht highlighting what can and cannot be done on board, but drew back from offering advice on sentencing any guilty parties.

Instead, Tom Ehman's IYRU working party is to draw up a scale of penalties today.

ATHLETICS

Italian's long jump a subject for scrutiny

Paris (AFP) — Doubts about Giovanni Evangelisti's bronze medal-winning long jump of 8.38 metres at the world athletics championships in Rome in September are to be the subject of an inquiry by the Italian Athletics Federation (FIDAL).

A number of well-placed observers believed that Evangelisti had barely cleared eight metres with his final attempt, and even Evangelisti himself appeared surprised when the scoreboard showed he had leapt 8.38m, although his personal best was 8.43m.

A FIDAL spokesman confirmed: "We have opened an inquiry into the jump among national and international judges as well as officials of Olivetti and Seiko.

"Once the findings are known, we will submit a report to the International Amateur Athletics Federation, who are the only body empowered to take a decision on the matter."

But the spokesman dismissed any suggestion of malpractice. If there was anything irregular, it could only have been a mistake, any hint of a conspiracy having been completely ruled out.

In a recent magazine article in France, Pierre Dasrieux, honorary secretary of the European Athletics Association, referred to "technical anomalies" which might have benefited Italian athletes in Rome. That leads one to question whether rumours which are circulating about the validity of a certain long jump attempt are entirely without foundation," he concluded.

The Italian weekly magazine, L'Espresso, which has already published allegations of doping during the championships, is planning an illustrated article in the coming weeks which is said to prove that Evangelisti did not clear 8.38m.

Witt heads field

Tokyo (AP) — Katarina Witt, the East German figure skater, ranked No. 1 in women's individual competition in 1985 and 1987, will lead a field of 61 skaters from 16 countries in the international free-skating competition, from November 27 to 29.

Haslam's debut

Ron Haslam, Britain's top finisher in the 500cc motor-cycle world championship, makes his truck racing debut at Donington Park on Sunday in the Shell Oils trophy race.

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

LITTLEWOODS CUP: Third round replay: Watford 4, Swindon 2.

BARCLAYS LEAGUE: First division: Arsenal 3, Chelsea 1

SECOND DIVISION: Birmingham 2, Barnsley 0; Crystal Palace 5, Plymouth 1; Hull 0, Bradford 0; Ipswich 3, Huddersfield 0; Millwall 1, Bournemouth 2; Shrewsbury 1, Aston Villa 2.

THIRD DIVISION: Blackpool 4, Bristol City 2; Bury 1, Mansfield 0; Chesterfield 0, Wigan 1; Fulham 5, Grimsby 0; Gillingham 0, Brentford 1; Rotherham 1, Notts County 1; Sunderland 7, Southend 0; Walsall 2, Aldershot 0.

FOURTH DIVISION: Cambridge United 0, Hereford 1; Carlisle 1, Leyton Orient 2; Darlington 1, Crewe 0; Halifax 2, Burnley 1; Newport 0, Bolton 1; Rochdale 1, Colchester 4; Scunthorpe 3, Wrexham 1; Stockport 1, Hartlepool 0; Swansea 1, Wolverhampton 2; Torquay 1, Tranmere 0.

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Manchester United 0, Coventry 0.

SUNDAY MIRROR COMBINATION: Postponed: Swindon v Portsmouth.

GMAC CUP: First round: Aylesbury 2, Leytonstone/Ilford 3. **Second round:** Dartford 1, Barnet 3, Macclesfield 0 Altrincham 1; Telford 4, Worcester 1.

FA TROPHY: Second qualifying round: Banbury 0, Tilbury 0 **Second qualifying round replays:** Gravesend and Northfleet 1, Hampton 2; Thanet 0, Marlow 1.

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Kingstonian 0, Carshalton 2; Windsor and Eton 4, Hayes 1. **First divison:** Walthamstow 3, Billericay 1; Walton and Hersham 2, Woking 0; Worthing 2, Leatherhead 3. **Second division north:** Aveley 0, Wivenhoe 1; Ramham 3, Witham 3; Saffron Walden 2, Hertford 1, Ware 1, Letchworth Garden City 3. **Second division south:** Egham 1, Flackwell Heath 0; Horsheld 5, Newbury 0; Hungerford 2; Petersfield 0; Metropolitan Police 2 Camberley 2.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Barrow 1, Chorley 2.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Willenhall 1, Crawley 1. **Westgate Insurance Cup: First round:** Merthyr Tydfil 2, Forest Green 2.

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Roadferry Cup: **Second round:** Distillery 0, Ards 0 (aet). **Postponed:** Larne v Glentoran Second XI.

MIDDLESEX SENIOR CUP: Preliminary round: Welwyn Garden City 1, Southall 0.

FA YOUTH CUP: First round: Colchester 1, Gillingham 0; Orient 4, Epsom and Ewell 0; Handon 3, Enfield 2.

OTHER MATCH: Combined Services 0, Southampton 4.

RUGBY UNION: TOUR MATCH: Pembrokeshire 15, United States Eagles 21. **Club matches:** Aberdillery 29, Tredegar 40; Penarth 6, Newbridge 36.

CRICKET

Willis to speak on a motion of no confidence

By Ivo Tennant

Bob Willis, the former England captain who resigned from Warwickshire's general committee last month in protest at the way the club was being run, is to speak on behalf of the requisitionists at the special meeting in Birmingham next week. A motion of no confidence in the general committee is to be debated.

Willis and Ken Kelly, who also resigned, have both been elected on to the requisitionists 12-man committee, which is being chaired by Bill Hammond, a 65-year-old businessman and Warwickshire member. He will also speak at the special meeting.

Hammond said yesterday that the club had not been run properly for several years. "The Warwickshire committee is made up of honourable men but something is lacking in management professionalism. The club needs a change of style from the man at the gate to the best player and it has to start at the top."

Hammond said he had received 60 letters and telephone calls since the requisitionists sent a circular to club members ten days ago. "Each one has been in support of us," he said. "I like to see commitment which is why I was impressed when Bob and Ken resigned from the general committee. So many people are content to sit on the sidelines.

"If the general committee is overturned it is inevitable that I will have to take up a position at Edgbaston. I should like to serve the club for two to three years and hope that some of the present committee men will stay on," he said.

Hammond expects fewer than 1,000 members to attend the special meeting, which is being held next Wednesday within the National Exhibition Centre rather than Edgbaston. Only members who attend are entitled to vote.

HOCKEY

London's corner failings

By Sydney Friskin

Beckenham..... 2
London University..... 0

Two goals in the space of a minute shortly before half-time sufficed to give Beckenham full points from their Pizza Express London League match against London University yesterday but they were made to struggle to hold their advantage.

London, who had much the better of the second-half, missed their sharp shooter, Robert Thompson, who has joined Hounslow. They had 10 of their 13 short corners in this period.

Neither side seemed to be making much headway until Beckenham suddenly shook the London defence to score in the 32nd minute through Berry, who capitalized on a clever pass by Rule. In similar fashion Eyles slipped a pass to Gillett, the outside right, who found the target with a strong hit.

The picture changed in the second-half with London taking control and forcing a succession of short corners. Quick breaks from the line enabled Beckenham to smother many of the shots taken by Holmes. Gregory in the Beckenham goal made several fine saves but London should still have scored, shots by Riley and Baxter from favourable positions just missing the mark.

Beckenham are still unbeaten while London, having played four matches, have lost three and drawn one.

BECKENHAM: T Gregory; B Smith, S Bowling (capt) D Brooks, N Dwans, T Rule, C Eyles, J Lee, M Gillett, N Berry, Parvez Sadiq

LONDON UNIVERSITY: *R Purvis (Queen Mary's College); *P O'Donnell (St Mary's Hospital), *M Blake (King's College), *P Kirkland (St Thomas's Hospital), A Holmes (Goldsmith), *M Baxter (King's College Hospital), *M Raley (Goldsmith), *P Shrimpton (University College Hospital, capt), *C Maddle (St Thomas's Hospital), P Krishman (Queen Mary's College), *M Ward (Wye).

Umpires: C Brine and W Stephens (Southern Counties).

* Denotes a purple

KARATE

One sport with two rulers

By Nicolas Soames

English karate is now in the unique position in English sport of having two rival governing bodies, both officially recognized as such by the Sports Council — the English Karate Council (EKC) and the former dissident group, the English Karate Board (EKB).

The decision by the Sports Council earlier this week to recognize the English Karate Board follows the recommendation of the inquiry into English karate chaired by Sir Walter Winterbottom, but it stops short of the full recommendation to go full steam ahead with the creation of a single governing body incorporating both.

This is, perhaps, partly because according to the EKC chairman, David Mitchell, the Sports Council has no legal right to do this. Instead, the Sports Council has said that, having recognized the EKB, it now hopes to further discussions towards unity by getting the EKB, EKC, the Martial Arts Commission and itself around one table.

But Mitchell said that he had no intention of attending such a meeting. He stated that the EKC was recognized as the sole governing body by the main international bodies, the European Karate Union and the World Union of Karate Organisations, and he did not anticipate any change in that status (he sits on both bodies himself).

"The Sports Council's decision will have no effect on English karate, other than it will give the EKB some credibility and it will bring the Sports Council into a certain amount of disrepute," he remarked.

The main practical significance of Sports Council recognition for the EKB members will be the clarification of status. For some years there has existed the confusing situation where the most popular style — Shotokan — taught by the largest karate organization — the Karate Union of Great Britain (KUGB) — was officially blacklisted by the governing body.

"This is a major step forward for us," Andy Sherry, the chairman of the KUGB and the senior British instructor, said. "In the past we have been victimized when we have tried to open clubs in sports centres."

The decision has come in time for announcement at the major KUGB event of the year, the European Shotokan Karate championships in Sunderland this weekend. Last year, the British team won eight gold medals, led by Frank Brennan, for years the best exponent of British Shotokan.

Brennan will not be competing this weekend because of injury, though the event will see the European women's champion, Karen Findlay, in action.

But it is not yet known whether the leading EKB fighters will pick up the challenge laid down by David Mitchell to enter the national championships at Crystal Palace on November 21 and 22.

FOR THE RECORD

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG LEAGUE: Calderdale 84 (Johnson 21, Findlay 19), Bolton and Bury 61 (Peers 17, Crosby 15)

BOXING

SUNDERLAND: Professional matches: Welterweight: (6 rounds) Davy Maw (Sunderland) bt Jeff Decker (North Shields), pts. Heavyweight: (8 rounds) Dave Garside (Hartlepool) bt Al Malcolm (Birmingham), pts. British and Commonwealth championship (12 rounds) Horace Notice (Birmingham) bt Paul Lister (Newcastle), ko 3rd Light-middleweight: (6 rounds) Darren Hopson (Leeds) bt Graham Ahmed (South Shields), pts. Lightwelterweight: (6 rounds) Ronnie Green (Manchester) bt Davy Hindmarsh (Newcastle), pts

CYCLING

GRENOBLE: Six-day race: Final positions: 1, B Valler and C Mottet (Fr), 303pts; 2, A Doyle (GB) and E De Wide (Bel), 1 lap behind, 313; 3, F Moser and P Bincoletto (It), 1 lap behind, 239.

FOOTBALL

SCOTTISH UNIVERSITIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Stramchyde 5, Heriot Watt 2; Glasgow 11, St Andrews 0, Aberdeen 1, Edinburgh 2; Stirling 2, Dundee 4

GOLF

GOLF FOUNDATION SCHOOLS TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP: Qualifying round (at Beaconsfield): 1, RGS, High Wycombe (A Maccaskall 87, N Beale 75, M Weaver 82) 244; 2, Desborough Maidenhead (V Philips 78, S Devoy 79, P Kehoe 88) 245; 3, Collingham, Camberley (J Wiltshire 82, P Cramer 88, J Sefton 81) 251. Best individual: Beale, 75.

HOCKEY

PIZZA EXPRESS LONDON LEAGUE: Beckenham 2, London University 0. Cream 0. Cambridge University 4, Richmond 5, Oxford University 0

UAU qualifying match: Men: Lancaster University 1, Salford University 1 Women: Lancaster University 2, Salford University 0.

ICE HOCKEY

NORWICH UNION CUP: English final: First leg: Solihull Barons 8, Durham Wasps 10

NORTH AMERICA: National Hockey League (NHL): Detroit Red Wings 2, Minnesota North Stars 2, Pittsburgh Penguins 5, Philadelphia Flyers 1; Quebec Nordiques 4, St Louis Blues 3, Washington Capitals 3, Vancouver Canucks 2; New York Islanders 6, New Jersey Devils 3; Calgary Flames 5, New York Rangers 3.

RACKETS

SCHOOLS MATCH: Rugby (R Montgomery and P Rackowe) bt Haileybury (E Erlin and A Freedman) 15-10, 15-2, 15-7, 7-15, 15-10.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Aberdillery 29, Tredegar 40; Penarth 6, Newbridge 36

ROSARIO, Argentina: Tour match: Rosario 15, Australians 35.

SPEEDWAY

BRITISH LEAGUE: Kings Lynn 46, Belle Vue 32, Bradford 39, Ipswich 39.

YACHTING

LAVANDOU, France: Course de l'Europe students championships: Third day: 1, Aston University, 2, Southampton University; 3, Australian Universities. Other British placings: 9, Welsh Universities, result for Scottish Universities subject to protest.

TENNIS

NORTH LITTLE ROCK, Arkansas: Virginia Slims of Arkansas women's tournament: Singles: First round: (US unless stated): N Sociupe bt T Phelps, 4-6, 7-5, 7-6, E Minter (Aus) bt N Dias (Br), 6-7, 6-3, 6-4, S Cecchini (It) bt L Gojarsa (It), 6-2, 4-6, 6-3; M Bollegraf (Neth) bt B Negaltsen, 6-4, 4-6, 6-0; H ter Riet (Neth) bt L Field (Aus), 7-5, 6-2; L Meskhi (USSR) bt G Ium, 6-2, 6-1; S Sloane bt J Hetherington (Can), 7-5, 7-5, H Croft bt C Benjamin, 7-6, ret; C MacGregor bt M Lindstrom (Swe), 7-6, 6-4, S Gomer (GB) bt N Bykova (USSR), 2-6, 6-3, 6-4; A Smith bt R White, 1-6, 6-4, 6-2

WORCESTER, Massachusetts: New England women's tournament: (US unless stated): Singles: First round: C Evert bt M Torres, 6-3, 6-1, P Shriver bt K Gompert, 6-3, 6-3, G Sabatini (Arg) bt P Hy, 6-3, 6-3, B Bunge (WG) bt G Magers, 7-5, 7-5, H Na (China) bt A M Fernandez, 6-1, 6-3, J Dune (GB) bt H Ludloff, 6-1, 6-4, E Pfatt (WG) bt W Turnbull (Aus), 7-5, 7-6; A Hookova (Cz) bt B Schultz (Neth), 6-2, 6-4.

STOCKHOLM: Grand prix tournament: Men's singles: First round: J Gunnarsson (Swe) bt M Wesphal (WG), 6-3, 6-4; K Evernden (NZ) bt B Pearce (US), 6-4, 7-5, A Antonitsch (Austria) bt R Seguso (US), 6-4, 6-2, A Tous (Sp) bt P Vojtech (WG), 6-3, 7-6 Second round: C Bergstrom (Swe) bt E Sanchez (Sp), 6-1, 7-5

PARIS: Grand prix tournament: Men's singles: First round: M Schapers (Neth) bt T Tulasne (Fr), 6-3, 6-3, B Gilbert (US) bt C Mezzadri (Switz), 6-0, 6-3, P Cash (Aus) bt P Annacone (US), 6-4, 6-4; T Smid (Cz) bt M Vajda (Cz) 6-3, 6-3, M Bahrami (Iran) bt T Benhabiles (Fr) 7-6, 7-6; Y Noah (Fr) bt W Masur (Aus) 6-3, 6-4, K Curren (US) bt C van Rensburg (SA) 6-4, 6-4, A Volkov (USSR) bt M Jane (Arg) 6-7, 6-3, 6-1, M Mecir (Cz) bt G Forget (Fr) 3-6, 6-3 6-4. Second round: T Mayotte (US) bt S Zivojinovic (Yug) 4-6, 6-2, 6-2, A Mansdorf (Isr) bt T Champion (Fr) 6-2, 6-3

WTA RANKINGS: Singles: 1, S Graf (WG), 4,755pts; 2, M Navratilova (US), 3,626; 3, C Evert (US), 3,554; 4, P Shriver (US), 2,850; 5, G Sabatini (Arg), 2,637; 6, H Mandlikova (Cz), 2,519; 7, H Sukova (Cz), 2,469; 8, Z Garrison (US), 2,121; 9, L McNeil (US), 2,092; 10, M Maleeva (Bul), 1,867 Doubles: 1, Navratilova and Shriver, 3,311pts, 2, C Kohde-Kilsch (WG), and Sukova, 3,134, 3, Garrison and McNeil, 2,920; 4, Mandlikova and W Turnbull (Aus), 1,805, 5, S Parkhomenko and L Savchenko, (USSR), 1,650.

VOLLEYBALL

TOKYO: Japan Cup women's tournament: Peru bt United States, 29-31, 30-21, 30-22, 28-30, 30-19, China bt Japan, 30-17, 19-30, 30-22, 30-28, Soviet Union bt Italy, 32-30, 30-25, 30-25; South Korea bt Brazil 30-25, 30-32, 30-17, 30-27 Final placings: 1, Peru, 7 wins, 0 defeats, equal 2, China and Soviet Union, 5, 2; 4, United States, 4, 3, 5, Japan, 4, 3, 6, South Korea, 2, 5, 7, Brazil, 1, 6, 8, Italy, 0, 8

SQUASH RACKETS

AMERICAN EXPRESS PREMIER LEAGUE: First division: Castlemaine Weston 2, Central Motors Leicester 3

VOLLEYBALL

Coaches decry novel scoring

Tokyo (AP) — Peruvian, Soviet and Chinese coaches are criticizing the new "30-point rally point" scoring used in the recent Japan Cup women's tournament here, Kyodo News Service reported.

The International Volleyball Federation tried it out to shorten matches, which can run three hours and more. Unlike the 15-point service point system, the new system allows either side to score points. After 29 points, however, scoring reverts to the traditional system under which only the serving team can score points.

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Moynihan challenged by Howell

The anti-drugs initiative in sport, launched this week by Colin Moynihan, the Minister for Sport, and Sebastian Coe, was labelled by Denis Howell yesterday as "an expensive public relations exercise".

Howell, Labour MP for Small Heath, Birmingham, and formerly responsible for sport in the last Labour Government, is concerned that Moynihan has refused to name the sports where he claims he has found evidence of drug-taking.

He has asked the Minister to name the competitors so that disciplinary proceedings or police action could take place.

Moynihan, in a written reply, said he had spoken to the governing bodies of numerous sports but the "investigations and discussions were confidential. We were concerned to assess the effectiveness of the present controls, not to pursue individual cases of drug abuses".

Howell said yesterday: "The Minister's evasions are quite disturbing. Not only does he refuse to exonerate much of British sport from the serious charge of drug-taking, but if he has any evidence of such wrong practices, he and his colleague, Seb Coe, are refusing to disclose it to the police or the sports authorities so that action can be taken.

"I find this to be the height of irresponsibility. I very much hope this is not just a very expensive public relations exercise."

● Moynihan confirmed yesterday that British sport is to get £38,823,000 in grant-aid from the Government in 1988-89.

Yesterday's results

European Cup

Second round, second leg

GORNIK (0) 1 RANGERS (1) 1
Orzeszek 21,500 — McCoist (pen)
Rangers win 4-2 on aggregate

OTHER MATCH: Bordeaux (Fr) 1, Lillestrom (Nor) 0 (agg: 1-0).

UEFA Cup

Second round, second leg

VITKOVICE (0) 1 DUNDEE U (1) 1
Vlk 15,000 — Dostal (og)
Vitkovice win 3-2 on aggregate

OTHER MATCHES: Second round, second leg: Dynamo Tbilisi (USSR) 0, Victoria Bucharest (Rom) 0 (agg: 2-0); Flamurtari Vlora (Albania) 2, Wismut Aue (EG) 0 (agg: 2-1); Sportul Studentesc (Rom) 3, Brondbyernes (Den) 0 (aet; score after 90 min 3-0; agg 3-3; Sportul won 3-0 on penalties); Turku (Fin) 0, Internazionale 2 (agg: 1-2); Velez Mostar (Yug) 2, Borussia Dortmund (WG) 1 (agg: 2-3). Tuesday: Werder Bremen (WG) 6, Spartak Moscow (USSR) 2 (aet; agg 7-6; score after 90 min 4-1).

EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS' CUP: Second round, second leg: Atalanta (It) 2, OFI Crete (Gr) 0 (agg: 2-1); Rovaniemen (Fin) 1, Vllaznia Shkoder (Albania) 0 (agg: 2-0). Tuesday: Sporting Lisbon (Por) 5, Kalmar (Swe) 0 (agg: 5-1).

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Millwall 2, Luton 3.

Durham changes

Durham have been forced to make four changes for their county championship match against Northumberland at West Hartlepool tonight. Winger Steve Hackney (leg), centre Ian Dee (hamstring) and prop Graham Cook (shoulder) are all injured, while Percy Johnston, the No. 8, has pulled out because of work.

Rangers humble a Polish giant to scale new heights

From Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent
Zabrze

Gornik Zabrze 1
Glasgow Rangers 1

(Rangers win 4-2 on aggregate)

Glasgow Rangers have humbled another giant that lives behind the Iron Curtain. Having belittled the reputation of the Soviet Union champions in the first round of the European Cup, they yesterday diminished the stature of the club that is on the verge of claiming the Polish title for the fourth successive year.

In reaching the last eight of the competition for only the second time in 23 years, Rangers have exposed the tired and uninspired face of Dynamo Kiev and the schizophrenic nature of Gornik Zabrze. They have done so on each occasion with an unruffled and admirable efficiency.

They knocked out Gornik while the Poles were frozen amid the raucous atmosphere of the first half at the Ibrox stadium a fortnight ago and while they were curiously transfixed during the same period inside their own tiny arena. The second-round tie was effectively over well before the interval.

The crowd, assembled on an afternoon cooled by a wintry breeze, was muted. So, even more surprisingly, was their team. Apart from one ludicrously optimistic effort from 45 yards by Majke, the replacement for the suspended Piotrowicz, they fashioned only two notable attempts during a comparatively colourless first half.

The first opportunity was ominously and misleadingly dangerous. Cyron's looping header was dropping below the bar until the fingertips of Woods intervened. By the time of the second, Urban's misdirected volley, Rangers had wrapped their own steel clamp of security around the contest and had started genuinely to look like winning it.

With creditable economy, they took the lead at the end of their initial attack with a goal of majestic simplicity. Cooper, brought back from suspension, weaved his way around three challenges before releasing McCoist through the middle of a back four that had already appeared vulnerable.

Wandzik spread his huge frame but halted McCoist's run illegitimately. Kostrzewa protested about the referee's decision and was booked (the names of Klemenz and the unfortunate Nicholl had been taken earlier) before Scotland's leading scorer converted the penalty to lift his total for the season to 23 goals for his club and 26 overall.

Fifty minutes remained and Gornik, requiring three of their own to take the tie into extra time, suggested that they would not beat Woods even once. But, as in the first leg, they returned from their dressing room a different unit and carrying an urgency of which there had been no previous hint.

Their catalyst was a 20-year-old player, Orzeszek, who came on to vociferous applause before the hour. He trotted on and immediately showed his main asset, a thunderous shot, with a free kick that almost splintered the Rangers defensive wall. Four minutes later he was to illustrate his strength to more damaging effect.

As he interrupted Cyron's plans with an instant drive that swerved across and passed Woods, the Polish fires that had been no more than faint embers began to burn with increasing brightness. Rangers, visibly unsettled for the first time, were momentarily in danger of being consumed by them.

The contribution of Woods, as he tipped a ferocious volley from Cyron onto the bar, was crucial. The same Pole, one of only four Gornik representatives yet to gain an international cap, was through into an even more threatening position moments later but he dragged his shot narrowly wide of the far post.

His myth proved to be Gornik's parting blow. Walter Smith, the Rangers assistant manager, said: "We could have conceded more than one goal but our defence performed exceptionally well. I'm very happy to have got through and I thought it was one of our best performances."

GORNIK ZABRZE: J Wandzik; J Grembocki, J Dankowski, M Kostrzewa, J Klemenz (sub: K Kolaszyk), M Majke, A Iwan, R Komornicki, J Urban, K Baran (sub: A Orzeszek), R Cyron.

GLASGOW RANGERS: C Woods; J Nicholl, J Philips, G Roberts, G Souness, T Butcher, J McGregor, I Ferguson, A McCoist (sub: R Fleck), I Durrant, D Cooper.
Referee: G Geramasimos (Greece).

Desperate goalkeeping ends United's European hopes

By Simon O'Hagan

Dundee United were unable to surmount the odds stacked against them in their UEFA Cup second round, second leg tie away to Vitkovice, of Czechoslovakia, yesterday, going out of the competition 3-2 on aggregate.

United's problems stemmed from the 2-1 defeat they suffered in the first leg at home. Even for so seasoned European campaigners as they are, this result was always going to take some recovering from, and United never quite managed it.

They ran the Czechoslovaks close, though. Hegarty was just wide with a header after 17 minutes, and after 37 minutes the Scots took the lead when Dostal, under pressure from Clark, put through his own goal.

A quarter of an hour from the end Vitkovice equalized through Vlk, which was probably the first time United had ever conceded a goal scored by someone without a vowel in his name. That brought United back on the attack and only some desperate goalkeeping by Zapalka prevented the Scots from scoring the goal that would have taken the game into extra time.

Bordeaux became the first team to join Rangers in the last eight of the European Cup, although they made heavy weather of beating Lillestrom, the Norwegian champions, 1-0 on aggregate. Even then their goal was a hotly disputed one.

Inter-Milan were another team nearly embarrassed by supposedly inferior opposition. All eyes were on the possibility of their going out to the Finnish part-timers Turku in the UEFA Cup after the Italians had lost the home leg 1-0. However, Scifo and Altobelli gave them a 2-0 win in the second leg to take them into the last 16, 2-1 on aggregate.

Any Merthyr Tydfil supporters who never made it back from Atalanta could have seen their Italian conquerors beating OFI Crete 2-0 to go through to the quarter-finals of the European Cup Winners' Cup. The Greek team led 1-0 from the first leg, but found their advantage wiped out after 22 minutes when Nicolini scored with a shot from the edge of the area.

Atalanta struggled to make their superiority tell against modest opposition until Garlini added the second in the 73rd minute.

Albanian football pride, which took something of a hammering earlier in the season when Partizan Tirana were thrown out of the European Cup for indiscipline, was restored by Flamurtari Vlora. They became the first Albanian team to reach the third round of a European competition when they beat Wismut Aue, of East Germany, 2-0 to win their second round UEFA Cup tie in Tirana 2-1 on aggregate.

Albania's team in the Cup Winners' Cup, Vllaznia Shkodra, disappeared back into obscurity, however, losing 1-0 (2-0 on aggregate) to the side who knocked Glentoran out of the first round, Rovaniemen, of Finland.

Sportul Bucharest were within a minute of a going out of the UEFA Cup against the Danish part-timers, Broendbyerene, but eventually won on penalties after the teams finished 3-3 on aggregate after extra time.



Out of reach: Jaszczak, of Hertfordshire, keeps the opposition at bay in yesterday's match against Eastern Counties (Photograph: Hugh Routledge). Report, page 46

All Blacks finish on a typically high note

The All Blacks ended their all-conquering tour of Japan yesterday by beating an international President's XV 38-9 at the National Stadium in Tokyo.

Despite miserable, wet conditions there was some fine running rugby from both sides and, surprisingly, the All Black forwards had difficulty producing their best form in the mauls and lineouts.

The President's XV — including a number of leading internationals brought in for the match — scored their only try through Dean Richards, the England No. 8.

Among the try scorers for New Zealand were Kirwan (2), Wright, Earl, Whetton and Schuster, while Gallacher added two penalties and four conversions.

In the All Black pack, the hooker, Sean Fitzpatrick, had an outstanding game producing several barging runs, including one at the beginning of an 80-meter drive which led to one of two tries by right winger John Kirwan.

Eddery double gives him a leading edge

By Ian Stafford

THE GREAT RACE

PAT EDDERY 194
Winners yesterday: two — Hopping Around (3-1), Valtaki (6-1).
Rides today: five — Gem Of Gold (1.45 Edinburgh), Mottram's Gold (2.15), Cover Inn (2.45), Greenhills Pride (3.15), Alpine Dance (3.45).

STEVE CAUTHEN 193
Winners yesterday: none.
Rides today: five — Master Palehouse (1.15 Edinburgh), Swiss Connection (1.45), Spanish Infanta (2.45), Cashmere N Caviar (3.15), Reputation (3.45).
(Three Flat racing days remaining)

The saga took another dramatic twist in the jockeys' race for the championship yesterday at the unlikely setting of Edinburgh racecourse. Pat Eddery, after completing three wins at Leicester on Tuesday to draw within one of Steve Cauthen, promptly leapfrogged over his American rival by striking a superb 27-1 double. With Cauthen drawing a blank the Irishman leads the title race for the first time since September.

The bookmakers, along with just about everyone else, have been reduced to nervous wrecks in the frenzy this battle for the championship has caused. Starting the day at odds of 100-30 to regain his title he won last year, Eddery now finds himself as the 5-4 on favourite, with Cauthen an evens bet. If Hamilton Park today is as unpredictable as the rest of this exciting season, these odds will doubtless change once again. Three days to go and it looks as if this great race could be decided at the very last gasp at Doncaster on Saturday afternoon.

Both on Monday and Tuesday Cauthen was able to increase his lead by winning the first race of the day. Yesterday Eddery turned the tables by taking the Tennents 80 Shilling Ale Claiming Stakes on the 3-1 second favourite, Hopping Around. Cauthen was third but trailed a miserable 10 lengths behind. That proved to be the American's best placing, an indication of the disappointing day he had to endure.

The only disappointment Eddery suffered was at the start of the third race. His manager, Terry Ellis, had grasped at the 11th hour, the chance for the Irishman to ride an extra horse, but his mount, Moulkins, pulled off a shoe while waiting to enter the stalls and was withdrawn.

Perhaps that gave Eddery an extra spur. In the sixth and last race of the day, the Lamot Pils Nursery Handicap, he showed Championship-winning material by passing the finishing post first by three-quarters of a length on the 6-1 Valtaki after looking soundly beaten with a furlong to go. Cauthen, who had already finished for the day, could only watch from the stand as he saw his own title chances diminish.

If the American found spectating painful another racegoer could hardly contain himself with glee. For David McHarg, the Clerk of the Course, it was a highly satisfactory day. Under usual circumstances neither Cauthen nor Eddery would venture within 1,000 furlongs of this links course in the seaside Edinburgh suburb of Musselburgh. Up until last week, Cauthen had ridden here only once before and Eddery was paying his first-ever visit. On that occasion the two great jockeys were responsible for doubling the attendance and yesterday lowly Musselburgh again hit the jackpot, its 2,500 attendance 90 per cent more than the corresponding fixture last year.

McHarg, whose 6ft 5in frame dwarfs the surrounding jockeys in the weighing room can congratulate himself for his canny vision. "I switched from the traditional Monday fixture which clashed with Nottingham last week because there were no other Flat meetings in Britain," he explained. "It is the same case today." As neither jockey could afford to miss a crucial day's racing, McHarg knew he had a certain banker. And, as Clerk for Hamilton, he will be rubbing his hands today with delight as Eddery and Cauthen continue their battle.

"Both jockeys have tremendous crowd-pulling power because of their scarcity," he said. "I was overjoyed to hear that Eddery got three winners



McHarg: satisfactory day

at Leicester on Tuesday because it meant an even better crowd for us. It is a shame that the Scottish punters, who have betted on them all season, never get a chance to see the top jockeys, so it was also a special day for them." Possessing the tightest bend in Britain, its back straight reclaimed from the Firth of Forth, the Musselburgh course is the cheapest in the country. Yesterday, at least for one afternoon, it was also the most important. "The boom time is coming back to Musselburgh," McHarg said.

The Eddery family already has one jockeys' championship safely under their belts. Pat Eddery's wife, Carolyn, the daughter of the late Manny Mercer, brother of the former champion Joe Mercer, has claimed the Lady amateur jockeys' championship. With five rides each today at Hamilton, Mr Eddery's slender lead could increase or be reversed.

India bowling fear may be the key

From John Woodcock
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England's cricketers were never more pleased to see Australia win a match than when they watched them do so on their television sets here yesterday. There was nothing racial to it. It was simply that they would rather play Australia in Sunday's final in Calcutta, should they beat India today, than Pakistan. So, I am sure, would India, if they reach the final.

The England side for today will almost certainly be the same as that which played in their last three qualifying matches. The only slight doubt concerns Foster, because of his knee; but he had a stiff practice yesterday and came through it well. In the last four days each member of the party has had a minimum of three practices, with Mickey Stewart working hard with all of them. The side will not fail for want of keeness.

Pringle is standing by, should Foster fail to make it. The alternative would have been Jarvis, but he has been having trouble with his shoulder and to throw him into the semi-final, before a huge crowd and in the sort of heat and atmosphere that he has never experienced, would be a big risk. Pringle has played in 15 one-day internationals, Jarvis in none, and Pringle has been bowling well in the nets.

The pitch for today's match had a closer shave yesterday than expected and could turn a little more as a result. If this suggests a certain apprehension on India's part for England's faster bowlers, so much the better. When I was here last, for the Jubilee Test of 1980, which England played on their way home from Australia, it was England's spinners, particularly Underwood, India were more concerned about. In the event, Botham took most of the wickets and scored most of the runs, and England won.

India make one change from the side which played so well against New Zealand last Saturday, More, who was unfit then, returning to keep wicket. The standard of wicketkeeping has not been high.

ENGLAND (from): G A Gooch, R T Robinson, C W J Athey, M W Gatting (capt), A J Lamb, P R Downton, J E Emburey, P A J DeFreitas, N A Foster, G C Small, E E Hemmings, D R Pringle.
INDIA: K Srikkanth, S M Gavaskar, M Azharuddin, N S Sidhu, D B Vengsarkar, Kapil Dev (capt), R J Shastri, K S More, M Prabhakar, C Sharma, Maninder Singh.

● Peter Lush, the England manager, has registered a formal protest with the World Cup organizers about the various commercial logos worn by the Indian and Pakistani players during the tournament. Other competing countries were asked to accept a ruling that they wear no logos other than those of the sponsor, Reliance Industries, of India. "This has caused aggravation among other players," Lush said. "The international rules are very clear on this issue and this problem would not have arisen had the respective boards adhered to the principles."

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McGhee finds touch

By Gordon Allan

Neil McGhee, the Scottish champion, became the second player from his country — the first was Willie Wood — to reach the quarter-finals of the CIS United Kingdom singles championship when he beat Terry Sullivan, the 1984 UK champion, 6-7, 7-5, 7-4, 7-6 at the Preston Guildhall yesterday.

It was a remarkable match, lasting three hours and a quarter. Sullivan took the first set despite losing a count of four and a 6-0 lead. In the second, he turned one of McGhee's bowls into the head for a count of two that cost him the set.

The third set could have gone either way. At the climax of the fourth, McGhee, 6-3 up, held the shot he needed but Sullivan fired it out, a trifle luckily, to score three and draw level. McGhee won set and match with the last bowl of all — a toucher when Sullivan lay game.

Tony Allcock lost the first set and was 0-3 down in the second against Hugh Duff the previous evening. Then a takeout — sometimes called a push and lie — brought Allcock four shots and probably, as he suggested later, turned the match in his favour.

Duff's play became tentative for a while and he missed chances to take the match into a fifth set. His last fling, a drive, rocketed through a narrow aperture between jack and wood without contact. Allcock covered his face in disbelief. The world indoor champion won 5-7, 7-5, 7-1, 7-5.

RESULT: Second round: N McGhee (Scot) bt T Sullivan (Wales), 6-7, 7-5, 7-4, 7-6.

RUGBY UNION

Eagles a threat in lineout

According to Tony Gray, their national coach, Wales will face line-out problems when they meet the United States Eagles at Cardiff on Saturday.

"One of the Eagles' strengths is at the lineout, where they have some big men," he said, following the final training session at Bridgend on Tuesday. "We have a virtually untried pack at national level but I have every confidence in them."

With Paul Thorburn, the full back, having passed a fitness test on his groin injury, an impressive kicking duel with Mark Williams, the Eagles centre, is expected to be a feature of Saturday's game.

Williams demonstrated his kicking ability against Pembrokeshire on Tuesday and showed that anything up to 60 yards is well within his range.

Gray points out, however, that, apart from Thorburn, who has scored 126 points in 14 internationals for Wales, they can also call on Mark Ring, presently Wales's leading scorer, and Bleddyn Bowen, the new Welsh captain, who has also kicked goals at international level.

After the training session, Bowen showed his respect for the Eagles: "After a not so good start, they have now got their act together," he said. "They have tremendous commitment and some very good individual players." Gray emphasized that the Eagles were an international side and would raise their game

SPORT IN BRIEF

Supporter remanded

The Hague (Reuter) — A Dutch football supporter accused of throwing a firework during last week's European Championship qualifying match between The Netherlands and Cyprus, causing the Cypriot goalkeeper to be carried off in shock, was ordered to be held in custody for a month yesterday.

The Dutchman, aged 21, faces a charge of attempted homicide. Rotterdam District Court granted custody because of the severity of the charge and to give the police more time to investigate.

Tyson venue

Atlantic City (AP) — The Atlantic City Convention Center will be the venue for the heavyweight boxing championship bout between the champion, Mike Tyson, and the former champion, Larry Holmes, on January 23. Holmes is coming out of retirement in an attempt to regain the title.



Moorhouse: pre-selected

Ipswich date

Adrian Moorhouse, the European 100m and Commonwealth 200m breaststroke champion, has entered the Hewlett Packard national short-course championships at Ipswich from November 18 to 22. The City of Leeds swimmer is the only one of five pre-selected competitors for next month's European Cup who will appear at Ipswich.

Coaching row

Newbridge Rugby Club and their coach, Chris Padfield, have parted company after the club's disastrous start to the season. The club, which next year celebrates its centenary and which last season reached the Welsh Cup semi-finals, said Padfield has resigned; Padfield claims he was sacked.

Rishton wait

Wilf Woodhouse, the village cricket club chairman who brought Viv Richards to Rishton, is struggling to find a worthy successor as professional at the Lancashire League club. Yesterday brought another disappointment with the former West Indies all-rounder, Larry Gomes, declining his offer.

Italian defence

Martigny (Reuter) — Mauro Martelli, of Italy, will defend his European welterweight boxing title against Jean-Marie Touati, of France, here on December 27.

Wasps' ease

Paul Rendall, the England prop, and John Ellison, the No. 8, will be missing from Wasps' home match with Saracens on Saturday. Gary Holmes continues to deputize for Rendall, who is on a trip to Japan, and Mark Rose plays in the back row as Ellison will be attending a wedding.

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